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Havin' a ball at Folsom!

Go-go dancers from the band Miss Conduct entertained the crowd at the 7th Street stage at 19th Sunday's 19th Annual Folsom Street Fair. Organizers estimated about 450,000 people attended the fair, which is billed as the world's largest leather/fetish event.

Murder suspect talks to the B.A.R.

by Ed Walsh

Accused murderer Jim McKinnon says he's the real victim.

McKinnon, 37, is accused of murdering his friend, Gary Lee Ober, 55, and then leaving Ober's body to rot in the bathtub of Ober's apartment in the Glen Park neighborhood of San Francisco for several weeks before it was discovered. But in an exclusive interview with the *Bay Area Reporter*, McKinnon said that he was forced to kill Ober to fend off a sexual assault, a claim that Ober's friends strongly dispute.

"It was self-defense, that's all I am going to say. I was attacked while I was on the toilet," said McKinnon last week from the San



Murder suspect Jim McKinnon

Francisco County Jail.

When asked why he had to resort to killing a man nearly 20 years his senior in self-defense, McKinnon explained that because he was sick, he was much weaker and more vulnerable to Ober.

"I had pneumonia and a temperature of 102-point-8 and I was on the toilet with my pants down around my ankles," the murder suspect said. "And he was an ex-veteran of Vietnam so he was a trained killer. I never had any training. I took three karate classes. I signed up for a year and I took three

classes and my Mom wound up paying 300 and some-odd dollars for nothing. I was 11. I never liked it. I never liked the violence. I used to get beat up every day when I was a kid. I hate violence. I hate it with a passion.

"He tried to sexually assault me," McKinnon insisted.

McKinnon was arrested on September 13. Three days earlier police found Ober's body in the bathtub of Ober's home. They were alerted by a neighbor who noticed a foul odor coming from Ober's apartment.

Police said McKinnon told neighbors that he was watering Ober's plants while Ober was away on a cruise. Police say Ober was first noticed missing about a month before his body was found. McKinnon told the *B.A.R.* that he doesn't know when he killed Ober.

McKinnon said he had bruises that were noticed by people at the Pendulum bar that are proof of the struggle he said he got in to defend himself.

A Pendulum bartender, Frank Franco, told the *B.A.R.* that people there noticed the bruises. Franco said that McKinnon ex-



Gary Lee Ober

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Nonoxynol-9 on the ropes

Two more lube makers stop using spermicide

by Ed Walsh

Nonoxynol-9 lubricants aren't dead yet, but they appear to be on the critical list.

Two more manufacturers last week announced that they will discontinue making lubricants with the spermicide N-9, leaving only one major producer, Westridge Laboratories, still making it. Westridge produces lubricants under the ID Glide Plus brand.

"This product is killing gay men," said Michael Lauro of Survive AIDS. "It's worse than a marketing ploy," he noted, referring to companies that still make N-9-laced condoms and lube despite the dangers and without any proven benefit to the consumer. The makers of Trojan, Durex, and LifeStyles condoms still make versions of their products with N-9 lube.

Manufacturers first began putting N-9 in condoms and lube after initial studies showed that it killed HIV in the test tube. Subsequent tests on people have shown that far from preventing HIV infection, it significantly increased the risk of getting the virus because N-9 literally strips away the anus's protective layer of epithelial cells. Both the World Health Organization and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention have unequivocally advised against the use of N-9 lube for anal sex.

Lauro was also critical of the San Francisco Department of Public Health and HIV prevention agencies for not aggressively warning of N-9's dangers.

"They've been asleep at the switch," the activist said. Last month, San Francisco Supervisor Mark Leno asked the San Francisco city attorney to draft legislation that would ban N-9 lubricants in San Francisco. That legislation was prompted by a *Bay Area Reporter* survey that found that the lubricants continue to be sold throughout the city, despite the well-documented dangers, even in

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Castro Street Fair dresses in drag and goes Latin

by Matthew S. Bajko

The 29th annual Castro Street Fair arrives this Sunday sporting a wig and featuring a four-member Latino boy band.

Due to its growing popularity with fairgoers, the Latino stage will be the main event at this year's Castro neighborhood block party. Instead of the usual rock lineup, Sony recording artists MDO, direct from Puerto Rico, will headline the main stage, which will also feature a go-go cavalcade from Futura, LatinGuyz.com, and LatinJocks.com.

"The Latino stage was doing so well at 18th and Castro that we were running out of room there. The Latino community is growing, and growing in their acceptance of gayness in their community," said Pablo Heising, the fair's executive director, and as to the reason for the change in stage lineups. "They do a great show and have a lot of pretty boys; that always helps the stage."

Other performances will include Octaviano, formerly with Spanish Fly, accompanied by live band Malo, the Brazilian Dance Troupe Birds of Paradise, Ballet Folklórico de San Francisco, Itotiani Aztec Dancers, and a 10-piece Mariachi band.

Replacing the Latino stage at its previous location will be a drag stage, a first for the street fair. Returning stages will be the country western stage behind the Castro Street Theatre and the techno stage behind Walgreens.

Started in 1974 by Harvey Milk, the Castro Street Fair is now one of San Francisco's longest-running and most exciting cultural events. Up and down the streets, local artists and craftspeople and supporting retail businesses show their wares, and community organizations provide valuable information to passersby.

Featured on Castro Street between 18th and 19th streets is the "Best of Show" area, with the finest in handmade crafts. On Market Street, the dozens of groups that are active in the community offer their information on a wide variety of concerns and services.

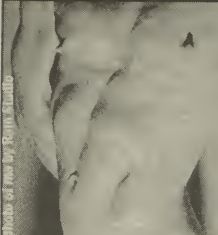
Fair organizers ask for a \$3 donation which gets \$1 off drinks and benefits more than 20 neighborhood groups and local nonprofits. Last year, the fair raised \$50,000 to support these organizations.

The fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, October 6. Local streets in the Castro area will be closed from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. the day of the fair and include Market, Castro, 17th, 18th, and 19th streets.

For more information about the fair, and for a list of beneficiaries, visit its Web site at www.castrostreetfair.org. ▼

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Fall benefits abound this week

by Zak Szymanski

Autumn in the Bay Area may not have vivid foliage but it does boast a variety of benefit events that showcase the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities in all their brilliant colors.

PRC benefit

Tonight, (Thursday, October 3) is the Positive Resource Center's fifth annual gala, from 7-10 p.m. at the Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Avenue, in San Francisco. Entitled, "Wonderland: Like Alice Never Experienced," the gala will feature a cocktail and dessert reception; a re-envisioned "Mad Hatter's Tea Party," a silent auction, and presentation of PRC's annual awards.

The benefit celebrates PRC's 15 years of service to the community, and individual tickets are \$50. Funds raised benefit PRC, the organization that assists people with HIV/AIDS in maximizing their available benefits and employment opportunities. PRC services include individual counseling, advocacy, computer training, and job placement. Last year the organization served more than 2,500 people and made 545 job placements.

For tickets to PRC's gala, call (415) 777-0333. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Historical society event

Tomorrow, on Friday, October 4, the GLBT Historical Society of Northern California presents "Icon 2002," the organization's fourth annual art auction and gala, from 7-10 p.m. at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission Street, in San Francisco. The evening features performer Holly Hughes and emcee Connie Champagne, and celebrates the icons of the queer community's talent, pride, history, and culture.

Work from photographer Chloe Atkins, cartoonist Alison Bechdel, political artists Dyke Action Machine, visual artist Don Bachardy, photographers Tom Bianchi, J. John Priola, mosaic artist Jason Mecier, and many more will be on display, and works for sale can be previewed at www.glbthistory.org/icon2002.

Tickets to the gala are \$55 each; reservations can be faxed, with a credit card number, to (415) 777-5576, or called into (415) 777-5455. Admission includes a live performance, party music, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and beverages, and money raised benefits the historical society's efforts to preserve and keep GLBT culture alive.

Head up north

On Sunday, October 6, the Sonoma County HIV/AIDS Food Bank presents "Calabash: A Celebration of Gourds, Art, and the Garden," from 1-5 p.m. at the

Food for Thought gardens, 6550 Railroad Avenue, in Forestville. The event features a silent auction of work from over 70 artists, fine organic food and wine, and live music featuring gourd instruments. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, and money raised benefits the gardens, which provide organic fruit, vegetables, and medicinal herbs to the food bank clients. Call (707) 887-1647 for more information.

AGUILAS awards event

And on Monday, October 7, AGUILAS will host its ninth annual awards ceremony from 6-10 p.m. at Mecca restaurant, 2029 Market Street, in San Francisco. Co-chaired by city Treasurer Susan Leal and Supervisor Mark Leno, the event will recognize several Latino/Latina people and/or organizations for their work in the community, including Rafael Diaz, Ph.D.; Sam Garza; the Mission Cultural Center; *Spectrum* newspaper; and Proyecto ContraSIDA Por Vida. Tickets to the event are \$35 and are available by calling (415) 558-8403.

Money raised helps to fulfill the mission of AGUILAS: to provide a nurturing, supportive and culturally sensitive environment for Gay and Lesbian Latinos/as and to offer activities which encourage positive self-identities, healthy relationships and leadership skills. ▼

Noe Valley Neighborhood Emergency Response Team training starts October 9

by Liz Highleyman

The next Neighborhood Emergency Response Team training for residents of Noe Valley and Glen Park will begin this Wednesday, October 9.

The NERT program was started by the San Francisco Fire Department after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Participation in

NERT training classes skyrocketed following the September 11 terrorist attacks last year.

Basic NERT training consists of six two and a half hour classes taught by SFFD instructors. Participants learn about basic fire suppression, hazard mitigation, disaster medicine, and light search and rescue. The last session is a drill in which trainees put their new skills to the test. To keep skills

up to date, NERT holds annual neighborhood and citywide drills.

Noe Valley/Glen Park NERT classes will take place at Glen Park Elementary School, 151 Lippard Avenue, off of Bosworth Street. For more information, including a listing of classes in other neighborhoods, visit www.sfnert.org. A Castro training is scheduled for next spring. Trainings are free and no previous experience is required. ▼

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SF syphilis rates rising

by Matthew S. Bajko

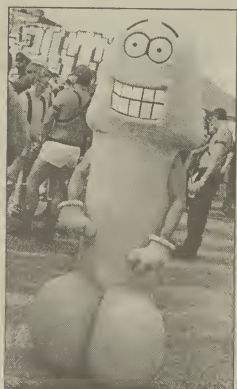
The number of gay and bisexual men who have contacted syphilis this year has skyrocketed, with the city's total cases more than doubling over last year. Other sexually transmitted diseases such as gonorrhea and chlamydia also continue to rise.

According to the Department of Public Health's latest monthly STD report, there have been 403 cases of syphilis during the first eight months of 2002, compared to 160 documented cases during the same period in 2001. Of those cases, the number of symptomatic syphilis, or those cases that are infectious, totaled 214 this year compared to 75 cases in 2001.

The city's chlamydia cases rose to 2,297 this year from 2,039 in 2001 and gonorrhea rose to 1,513 cases compared to 1,387 last year.

Men who have sex with men are the population most at risk for contracting syphilis, according to public health officials. The health department estimates 90 percent of early syphilis cases are among gay and bisexual men. The health department also has found that nearly all of the cases are occurring in men who have sex with men who report large numbers of anonymous partners met in commercial sex venues, such as bathhouses, sex clubs, and adult bookstores, as well as on the Internet.

And these officials note in their report that "knowledge about syphilis symptoms is low in this community. Increasing symptom



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recognition enhances the likelihood that persons will seek medical care, which is critical for controlling the epidemic."

San Francisco is not alone. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, and Seattle are all experiencing upsurges in syphilis cases.

"The CDC is extremely concerned about this situation, not just in San Francisco but across the nation," said Dr. Ron Valdiserri, deputy director of the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention. "Over the past 24 months we have been aggressively acting on this situation and are attempting to intervene across the United States."

In July, a team of 13 CDC evaluators visited San Francisco's STD program to conduct a syphilis assessment. As a result of the assessment, the STD program is hopeful that they will receive additional financial resources to allow the hiring of additional staff to work with syphilis patients and providers.

"After two decades of successful HIV prevention approaches among MSM, we now find ourselves in a situation where various communities are at risk and the concern is this is clearly underscoring the need for new prevention strategies that reflect the changing epidemic in 2002," said Valdiserri. "It is a new day and we are facing a number of significant challenges related to these outbreaks."

"The government can't do this

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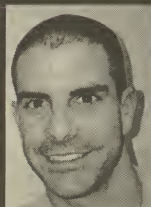
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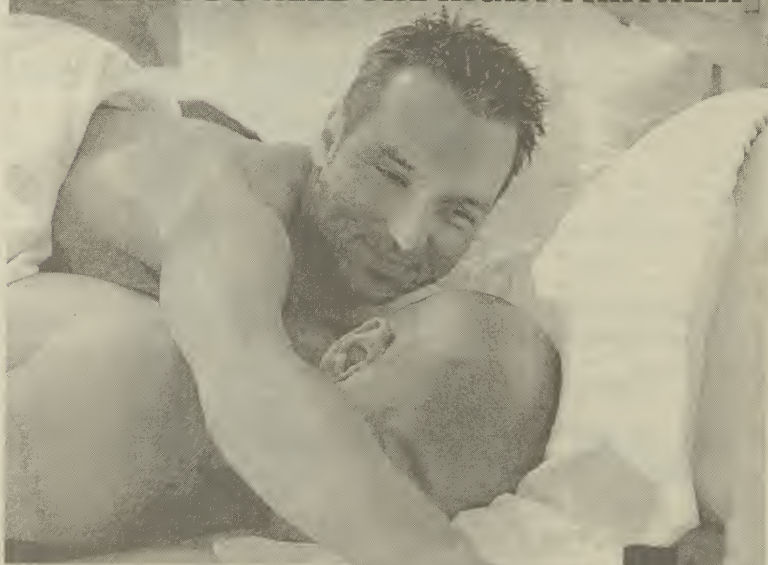
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Pride seeks theme for 2003

by Matthew S. Bajko

Thought this year's Pride theme "Be Yourself, Change the World" was a little lackluster?

Did the 2001 theme "Queerific" fall flat in your eyes?

Well now is your chance to best those themes and imprint your own on the 2003 Pride event. The Pride Committee is seeking proposals from the community for a new theme and will vote on the suggestions at its meeting this month.

"2003 marks the 25th anniversary of a number of important events in our communities' histories, including the assassination of Harvey Milk and the creation of the rainbow flag. We welcome your theme suggestions. Be they bold or not so bold, racy or vanil-

la, this is your chance to show your colors. Don't be shy," said Pride President Joshua Smith.

Next year is the 33rd anniversary of the San Francisco Pride Celebration and the Parade. The event is to be held over the June 28 and 29 weekend. The 2003 event also marks the 25th anniversary of the Dykes on Bikes, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, and Theater Rhinoceros.

Members of the public can go to the Pride committee's Web site at www.sfpide.org/theme.htm and make their suggestions online. All suggestions will then be taken up by the committee at a public meeting on Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market Street, and voted upon. The dead-

line for registering a theme suggestion is this Sunday, October 6.

The Pride Committee is also requesting proposals from would-be stage promoters. Anyone wishing to contribute to the program at the celebration is invited to submit a proposal. Applications are available at www.sfpide.org/yourvoice/stage.htm and must be submitted by November 22.

"It is through this open process that the Latin stage, Nectar (women's stage) and Tantra dance stages have all come to fruition in recent years. If you feel the event is lacking something, then this is your opportunity to tell us about it and help make it happen. That's the way it should be, with these suggestions coming directly from the community," said Pride Executive Director Teddy Witherington. ▼

Mon. is deadline to register to vote

by Matthew S. Bajko

For the city's election workers this Monday, October 7 is their "Midnight Madness," when the department is open after hours to register people to vote in the upcoming election and accept applications for poll worker positions.

Between 5 p.m. and midnight, San Franciscans have one last chance to register to vote for the November 5 election, when they

will decide on a city assessor, elect supervisors in four of the city's districts, decide a slew of city ballot measures, and cast ballots in numerous state races, including governor, lieutenant governor, superintendent of public instruction, and attorney general.

Poll workers can earn \$82 to \$105 for the day depending upon position. People are needed to staff polling places throughout the city, and Spanish and Chinese bilingual speakers are especially encouraged to apply. Applications

will be accepted until midnight.

Also on Monday, voters already registered can begin early voting in the basement of City Hall. The elections department will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and will also open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the last two weekends before the November 5 election.

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Davis vetoes needle, foster care bills

by Joe Dignan

Since the close of the legislative session Governor Gray Davis has signed four bills that improve gay rights in California, but he stopped short Monday night, September 30, and vetoed four others that gay rights and AIDS advocates had pushed heavily.

Two of the vetoed bills would have improved needle exchange programs in California to reduce HIV infection rates among injection drug users. One measure, SB1785 by State Senator John Vasconcellos (D-Santa Clara), would have made it legal for pharmacies to sell up to 30 syringes per month to an individual without a prescription.

"We're extremely frustrated," said Dana Van Gorder of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. "The governor has a good record on HIV and AIDS. He's been strong on providing the funding for care and treatment, but this could have kept up to 6,500 people a year from being infected with HIV or hepatitis C. It does not increase injection drug use. It seems stunning not to take this well tested approach to keep people from getting sick. But the California Narcotics Officers Association opposed it. The law enforcement community has been a great supporter of his, and he doesn't seem to want to offend them."

In his veto message Davis said that the current system of requiring one for one exchanges of needles is more likely to persuade addicts to seek treatment.

SB1734, also by Vasconcellos,

would have reduced much of the political pressure from those opposing needle exchange programs. As it is now, municipalities can allow

program that Davis previously signed into law, but to do so they must declare a "public health emergency" and renew that declaration every two to three weeks. The bill would have made the declaration period one year.

The third vetoed bill would have prohibited discrimination in foster care. AB2651, by Assemblywoman Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park) required sensitivity to sexual orientation and gender identity in the foster care system.

Opponents, like Assemblyman Dennis Mountjoy (R-Monrovia), saw the bill as a validation of gay and lesbian lifestyles. "All this does is tell kids that it's okay to be gay. Well, it's not okay to be gay," Mountjoy said earlier this year.

It also mandated outreach and training programs for potential foster parents. It was because of the cost of the outreach programs, Davis aide Eric Bauman said, that the governor vetoed the bill.

"The governor is fully supportive of gay people being foster parents," Bauman said. "But the governor vetoed about 23 percent of the bills that hit his desk - almost all of them because of cost. In this tight budget, there's no room for even five cents extra."

Supporters of the bill were extremely disappointed.

"I'm not going to guess his motivation, but we don't believe there was any significant cost involved," said Geoff Kors, executive director

of the California Alliance for Pride and Equality, an LGBT lobbying group. The text of the bill says that "this program shall be implemented only to the extent that funds for this purpose are appropriated by the Legislature." The reason given for the veto doesn't make sense.

"In the governor's veto message he also said that the bill would have had the unintended consequence of diluting the priority recruitment efforts on behalf of minority children. I hope that in California we have gotten beyond the point where we value one minority group over another," Kors added.

"Lesbian and gay kids in foster care will risk having foster parents who have received no training on LGBT issues," said Charlie Spiegel, director of Our Family Coalition, an LGBT family advocacy group that has its office in San Francisco's LGBT center.

"While we have proudly stood with Governor Davis before, we are intensely disappointed with this veto," Spiegel said. "We expect to let him know of our members' disappointment when he appears at the center on Monday afternoon."

The fourth vetoed bill, AB2862 by Assemblywoman Carole Migden (D-San Francisco), was a technical correction to last year's AB 25, Migden's landmark gay rights bill. It would have made changes to allow some additional domestic partners to receive benefits from the California Public Employees' Retirement System. According to Bauman, the governor also vetoed this bill because of cost.

Bauman stressed that, even in this, an election year, the governor has been supportive of gay rights legislation. He has signed bills to protect domestic partners' inheritance and survivor's benefits, to give paid medical leave to domestic partners whose partners are ill, and to extend the statute of limitations for filing hate crime complaints.

Davis will appear at a fundraiser at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 7 at the LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market Street. Tickets start at \$125 each. ▼

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Leal wants clean streets

by Cynthia Laird

San Francisco Treasurer Susan Leal wants Mayor Willie Brown to overhaul the city's street-cleaning system so that a coordinated department that reports directly to the mayor can be established.

Leal, who recently announced her intention to run for mayor in 2003, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the city's dirty streets are having an impact on the city's coffers, as tourists are being driven away.

"It's not just the homeless," Leal emphasized. "There are neighborhoods where there's not a lot of homeless and the streets are still dirty."

Leal presented Brown with a letter Monday, September 30 that was

signed by herself and 22 other city residents from various districts.

Leal said the intent of her proposal is not to create another bureaucratic office, but to target the problem. Right now, street cleaning is done by the Department of Public Works.

"The people at DPW are trying very hard, but there needs to be coordination and the power of the mayor's office," Leal said.

Brown's spokesman, P.J. Johnston, told the *B.A.R.* that staff will be meeting with Leal. "If the treasurer or anyone else have innovations in mind for doing a better job, we're all ears. That's not conveyed in this letter, but maybe it will be when we meet."

Leal said she plans to take her campaign for clean streets to this Sunday's Castro Street Fair. ▼

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Dear Governor Davis:

We're not stupid. We know that you vetoed a bill that would have leveled the playing field for LGBT foster kids and a bill that would have allowed people to purchase syringes at pharmacies without a prescription, knowing full well that while the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities might stomp their feet, when push comes to shove on November 5, we'll vote for you.

And you know what?
You're right.
We'd be lying if we said otherwise.

So the bottom line is this: yes, this newspaper stands by its endorsement of you; but we are not happy about it. And, judging by news reports, we're not the only ones who are fed up, disappointed, or angered by your actions (or lack of) over the years. Dissatisfaction is high among voters, many of whom do not want you or your Republican opponent, businessman Bill Simon, to be elected.

But what are we going to do? Vote for Simon? (Yes, we know, even you chuckle at that thought.)

Simon, the self-described successful businessman, couldn't even vet a former business partner who was a convicted drug dealer. Of course, a judge overturned a jury verdict against Simon's company, but he remains tainted by his past business failings, including a government bailout of a savings and loan years ago.

What should concern the LGBT community is Simon's now-famous flip-flop on support for gays. Simon indicated he could support gay pride week, and then, as you know, governor, he got one call from the Traditional Values Coalition, and just like that, he backpedaled. Simon never saw the questionnaire from the Log Cabin Republicans; it was his staff's fault. Whatever. Simon couldn't even support a symbolic gesture supporting civil rights.

Simon would not support gains the community has made in domestic partnership rights, nor would he be likely to appoint fair-minded people to serve as judges and other high-ranking state officials.

Yes, governor, we acknowledge some of your support during your first term in office. You signed into law two of our lesbian Assemblywoman Carole Migden's (D-San Francisco) bills — AB26 in 1999 and AB25 in 2001. The first bill established the statewide registry for domestic partners. The second bill added numerous rights, responsibilities, and benefits to registered domestic partners. These include the right to visit an ill or in-

jured partner in the hospital, to adopt a partner's child using the step-parent adoption process, to use sick leave to care for an ill partner, and to act as a conservator on behalf of a partner's estate.

You also signed AB537, authored by out lesbian state Senator Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica) when she was an assemblywoman. That law prohibits harassment and discrimination of students in California's schools on the basis of sexual orientation.

Earlier this year, you signed AB2216 by Assemblyman Fred Keeley (D-Boulder Creek) that provides inheritance rights for gays.

In addition to signing some laws that help the LGBT community, you also have been a strong advocate of funding for HIV/AIDS treatment. But when it comes to innovative HIV prevention programs, like purchasing syringes without a prescription so that injection drug users will be encouraged to use clean needles, you put your foot down.

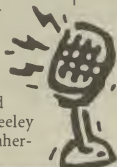
Governor, we are disappointed at your stubborn refusal for years to allow out gay convicted murderer Robert Rosenkrantz to be paroled. He has served his time, and is eligible for parole. Judges have ordered you to parole him; yet, you refuse. Next week, his case goes to the California Supreme Court,

where, hopefully, justice will be served and he will be paroled. Of course, your parole policy (no convicted murderers will ever be paroled) is not limited to gay prisoners, and it is a disservice to our criminal justice system that you usurp the authority of judges as well as your own parole board.

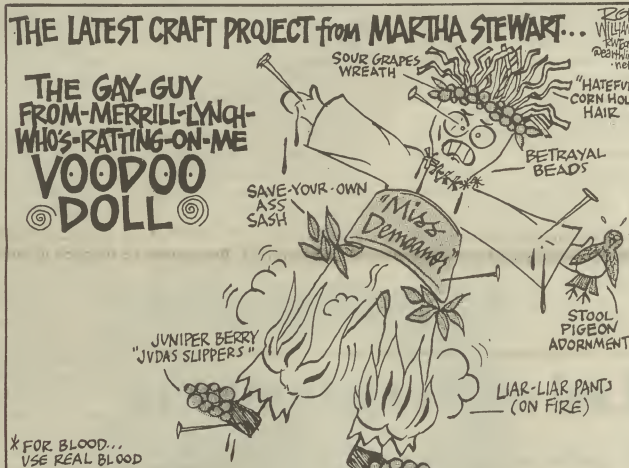
Governor, you have stalled for months to create a panel to study the issue of civil unions. When you spoke with us in March, you told us that a working group would be formed to study the issue; then that got put on the back burner because of the state budget stalemate (which, incidentally, you exerted little leadership to resolve, putting it off on the Legislature). Now, the budget is passed, and there has still not been any movement to form the so-called working group — this isn't even proposed legislation, it's a panel to study the issue.

You're supposed to come to the LGBT Community Center this Monday for a "meet and greet" (or is it "pay to play"?). We were denied permission to cover your appearance unless we paid \$125. Is that because you don't want to be caught on the record trying to explain your veto of the bills that would have helped the community?

Yes, Governor Davis, we'll vote for you. But you don't make it easy. ▼



Editorial



Vote yes on Prop. A

by Roberta Achtenberg

All of us who live in San Francisco know it's not a question of if a major earthquake will strike, but when. And when an earthquake strikes, we must be ready to fight the fires that will happen in its aftermath; be ready to care for those who are injured; be ready to rebuild our homes and businesses; be ready to rebuild our lives. But today we are not ready because we are not assured we will have the most essential element for rebuilding — water.

Our Hetch Hetchy water system is in disrepair and engineers tell us it is not strong enough to withstand a major earthquake — that we could be without water for 60 days or longer when the next big one hits. That is why one of the broadest coalitions in San Francisco history has come together to save Hetch Hetchy by passing Proposition A. U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, state Senators Jackie Speier and John Burton, Assemblyman Kevin Shelley, Mayor Willie Brown, Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammann and Supervisors Mark Leno, Gavin Newsom, Chris Daly, Sophie Maxwell, Jake McGoldrick, and Aaron Peskin all agree. We must pass Proposition A to save Hetch Hetchy.

The San Francisco Democratic Party, Labor Council, League of Conservation Voters, League of Women Voters, Green Party, Chamber of Commerce, Building and Construction Trades Council, Senior Action Net-

work, Affordable Housing Alliance, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club and the Log Cabin Republicans all agree. We must pass Proposition A to save Hetch Hetchy.

When the Hetch Hetchy water system was built it was an engineering marvel — it still is. Gravity brings us water 167 miles from the Sierra Nevada to San Francisco, across three major earthquake faults. But those pipelines are damaged, cracking, in disrepair, and unable to withstand a major earthquake. Even the Calaveras Dam and the Sunset Reservoir are in danger of collapse. Proposition A authorizes the revenue bonds to fund what San Franciscans need to contribute to rebuild the system. What is important to remember is that once Proposition A passes, our suburban customers will then pay their fair share of the cost of projects outside San Francisco — nearly 70 percent.

But believe it or not there are opponents to Proposition A, and their self-interest places us all in danger.

The environmental benefits to passing Proposition A are numerous, which is why it has the strong support of the San Francisco League of Conservation Voters, San Francisco Tomorrow, and the San Francisco Green Party. Projects will be funded that allow the city to use recycled water in our city parks, which is a necessary step in our conservation efforts. In addition, passage of Proposition A

would retain local control of the water system repairs and upgrades. This will prove important when input is sought at the environmental review level for each project. Imagine if the state took the system away from San Francisco — having input into the environmental impact of capital improvement projects would be much more difficult. And the threat of state takeover is real.

San Francisco owns the Hetch Hetchy water system, but we provide water to nearly 2 million suburban users. Many in these suburban counties are frustrated with the disrepair of the system and are threatening San Francisco with state takeover. We've been fortunate to work with legislators to fend off this threat, but if we don't pass Proposition A and get the necessary repairs under way, it is with certainty that I tell you that the threat from our suburban customers is real. We need to pass Proposition A to keep Hetch Hetchy — we built it, we own it, we must keep it as one of our city's greatest assets.

Please, join Senator Feinstein, Congresswoman Pelosi, the Democratic Party, the Labor Council, the League of Women Voters, the League of Conservation Voters, the Green Party, the Milk Club, the Alice B. Toklas Club, the Log Cabin Republicans, Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammann, Supervisor Mark Leno, and me in voting Yes on A on November 5. Save Hetch Hetchy. ▼

Guest Opinion

LETTERS

Time to move on with Waddell's dream

As the widow of the late Tom Waddell, I feel I must respond to the letter from Jerome Szymczak regarding the relationship between the Gay Games and the United States Olympic Committee [Mailstrom, September 19].

It is gratifying to know that persons like Jerome remember so well those days 15 years ago when the then-hierarchy of the USOC was so hurtful to Tom, his family, and our movement. I appreciate it so much that Jerome mentions our daughter Jessica, of whom Tom would be so immensely proud and who has just entered her freshman year at college. A lot of time has passed since those dark days.

I am pleased to say that since 1987 the relationship between the Gay Games and the USOC has improved immensely. In 1991, at the request of the then-executive director of the USOC, members of the executive committee of the Federation of Gay Games went to the USOC headquarters in Colorado Springs to discuss matters of mutual interest. Out of this meeting the federation and the USOC formed a joint task force to petition the United States Department of Health and Human Services to allow HIV-positive persons to participate in Gay Games IV in New York and the Olympic Games in Atlanta. This initiative was successful.

In Atlanta, hundreds of gays and lesbians served as volunteers for the Olympic Games and one of our federation board members was appointed as the assistant competition manager for the swimming competitions.

In 1994, the USOC bestowed the Robert J. Kane Award to then-out of the closet Greg Louganis for his contributions to athletics and the Olympic movement.

Locally, the Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee, in its quest for San Francisco to be selected as the site for the 2012 Olympics, has reached out on its own initiative to the gay and lesbian community by inviting two individual directors of the Federation of Gay Games to serve on its board of directors. I truly hope that this serves as an example for the other bid cities throughout the world to reach out and to include the gay and lesbian communities in their respective cities. Thus, we can finally start to break down the barriers of homophobia which still exist in other areas by becoming affiliated with the Olympic movement on a positive basis.

Finally, I believe that Tom would himself welcome the Olympic Games to the Bay Area as there would be vast improvements of athletic facilities for everyone. Yes, Tom, as an outstanding U.S. Olympic athlete, was witness to the discrimination and damaging actions of the USOC. But it is time for us to move ahead as his dreams of liberation for gays and lesbians worldwide are embodied in the Gay Games, now in its 20th year and with Sydney 2002 just a few weeks away.

Sara Waddell Lewinstein
Honorary Life Director
The Federation of Gay Games

Come out, come out

National Coming Out Day is almost upon us. If you're not out, you should be. It will make your life richer and less complicated. (If that isn't enough to convince you, look at www.hrc.org/incop/index.asp for further arguments.)

If you're a student, faculty or staff member, or alum at U.C. Berkeley, put yourself on the OutList, which is pitifully short at the moment. Adding your name will make it easier for others to add theirs, and give hope to those who are not yet able to, and make you feel good. Go to www.queer.berkeley.edu, click on community (on the left), then on OutList, and take it from there.

If you have no Cal connection, check out the Web site of your alma mater, or your high school, or your employer. There might be an OutList there. Or you might try starting one.

As Harvey Milk always said, "You gotta give 'em hope!"

Robert J. Carr, Ph.D.
Oakland, California

Size matters

Congratulations on your decision to publish domestic partner announcements. May I offer a few suggestions based on my life experiences in the maze of domestic partnerships and civil unions?

Announcements must be submitted within one month of the public ceremony of the celebration of domestic partnership. (I think that after one month the information will be outdated therefore it should be published immediately while the ink on the document is still wet.)

The Bay Area Reporter is asking for a lot of private information about education, occupation, and noteworthy accomplishments. You neglected to include size which is probably the most important criteria I have followed all my life. Size does count and while it need not be authenticated it should be included as a guideline.

I hope that the flood of civil union and domestic partnerships that will be included in the worthy pages of the B.A.R. will not be offset by demands to post the

dissolutions. Having a union announcement initially will take the parties off the meat market and then listing them as now available will also subject them to the category of used merchandise. From what I have seen, I don't think a computer program has been written yet to handle all the marriages and dissolutions that have taken place in the gay world, including mine which would be enough to cause a Rolodex to go on overload. I still am excited though to see which of my many, closest, personal friends will go so far as to list their dalliances for the world to see. Following this, I can't wait till you start listing an "expecting" column, soon followed by birth announcements. There seems to be no end to this progressive idea. Keep up the good work because I'm expecting - the very best from the paper.

Andrew J. Betancourt
San Francisco

Veterans Building a safety issue

The Veterans Building needs to be closed should the bond issue on the November ballot (Proposition C) not succeed. The building was damaged in the Loma Prieta earthquake but more importantly it was structurally weakened. Arthur Brown Jr. designed City Hall as well as the Veterans Building in the early part of the 20th century. His engineering for City Hall brilliantly caused the building to survive the 1989 earthquake but the force of the earthquake so damaged the building's structural integrity that it had to be rebuilt to survive future earthquakes. The Veterans Building is in the same situation.

City officials irresponsibly ignored the weakened condition of the Veterans Building for a decade and allowed it to remain open without a rehabilitation plan. Recently, the War Memorial Board, under the leadership of President Tom Horn, prepared a plan to deal with the problem. They have proposed a bond issue of \$122 million, two-thirds of which pays for the seismic strengthening of the building and one-third for modernizing the mechanical, electric, and other systems in the building.

The reallocation of space in the building is not dealt with in the bond issue. However, under the original trust which created the Opera House and the Veterans Building, the fourth floor must be devoted to cultural activities. This leaves the second and third floors available for veterans activities as well as office space for the War Memorial Board.

The board has expressed the view that the first floor should be allocated to public activities including an enhanced Herbst Theatre. The opportunity is there for the local veterans groups to organize a permanent exhibit commemorating San Francisco's involvement in the national defense.

The issue before the voters is whether the Veterans Building is to be a safe and active public facility or a boarded up and derelict relic at Civic Center.

James W. Haas, Chairman, Civic Pride
San Francisco

The \$125 handshake

That's right, \$125. That's the minimum cost, it seems, to get a handshake from Governor Gray Davis at an upcoming fundraiser being held at the San Francisco LGBT Center. Why should that matter? I think it matters quite a bit. The event in question is a cocktail reception/fundraiser for Davis on October 7. While I think most of our community supports Davis and our center, I find it completely inappropriate that this event be held at the center in the first place. "The center will strive to be the one place in San Francisco where all LGBTQ people can feel welcome regardless of age, race, gender, and socioeconomic status. The center will strive to attract and produce events and activities of interest to all members of the community." That is a statement found on its Web site, yet the very event that is being held does not meet that criteria. Specifically, the socioeconomic portion of it. For \$125 you get to attend a general reception, and for \$500, you can be part of a VIP reception, which further alienates voters, but I digress.

Many of the donors to the center take great pride in knowing that their \$10 or even \$5 donation helped to create a place that truly is accepting of all. Yes, I know that the majority of the funds for the center came from people giving huge amounts of money; there are still thousands of people who gave small amounts. Michael Burton, of the Davis campaign, says that the intent is to be inclusive to the community, yet it is doing just the opposite. It excludes the very people that it is trying to reach. Not everyone can easily afford to donate \$125 to a campaign. Though it took two weeks to get any kind of response from the campaign, and only from my calling them, I was asked what I thought would be a reasonable amount. I replied that \$25 seemed reasonable to most voters. Finally after my persistence, with one person at the campaign sounding quite put off that I offered such a small amount, was I allowed the opportunity to attend.

Does this mean that politicians should not hold fundraisers? No. Since both the Davis campaign and

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the center want to exclude so many common voters, it would be more appropriate that the event be held where one would expect it to be like the Fairmont or St. Francis. Maybe all involved will think twice next time before they choose to be so exclusive. I know I will think twice as to whether I want to continue to support such an exclusive center or whether I want to support this exclusive governor.

David Stevenson
San Francisco

Kudos to Assessor Ward

As an attorney who represents individuals who have had their property reassessed after the death of their domestic partner, I applaud Assessor Doris Ward's support of new rules that would provide the same exemption to lesbian and gay couples that legally married couples enjoy ["Assessor drafting new tax rule favoring domestic partners," September 12]. It is inherently unfair that lesbian and gay homeowners must bear a higher property tax burden than married homeowners. Under Assessor Ward's leadership, the assessor's office has drafted an innovative and creative solution to remedy a situation that heaps financial crisis upon a grieving partner. I urge the community to remember Assessor Ward's dedication to fairness and equality for lesbian and gay San Franciscans on Election Day.

Laura Stratton
San Francisco

The homeless on 'payday'

Who really benefits from the monthly GA payoffs; made only to ease the quilt of true indifference and selfishness that has become the rotting heart of San Francisco? I invite you to come on any "payday" and stand on the corner of Post and Polk (for example). Please be there before 7 a.m. so you can enjoy the spectacle, as the homeless begin to mass in force outside the check-cashing store (Bank of Homelessness). As the herd gathers it takes on a mob mentality and soon becomes foul and dangerously charged. Quarrels break out over one's place in line, a past rip-off, or the raging of a mind lost to hunger for a fix.

Finally the doors to the Bank of Homelessness open to make the GA \$395 payoff into cash, but not free of charge; after all this is America and first and foremost we must have a profit. With what's left of our goodwill after the BoH has taken its cut, we can follow the non-humans as they move to the corner of Post and Polk. There just next door to BoH is the typical city neighborhood store whose food shelves have been replaced with shelves stocked with alcohol. Today, sales will be in quarts; next week sales will be in pints. Three weeks into the payoff, sales will be down to minis, and finally by the fourth week sales are on credit.

Leaving the local market with their morning jolt in hand our subjects head down Post Street toward Larkin where low and behold the local drug bazaars begin. The pushers are out in force with contacts and runners everywhere, calling to their customers. Deals are made, goods and cash exchanged and then poof, by 9:30 a.m. the streets are empty and the homeless now fulfill their part of the bargain – for a while at least they vanish from our sight, away on the 19 or into the alleys.

So who benefits from the million dollar-plus a month payoff? Everyone except the homeless who remain as they were, unseen.

So I say to all the "Mecca Activists Against Care," who believe in burying the homeless under piles of cash: shame on you. San Francisco has far too many city princes living off the plight of the homeless and the poor. I wonder how many non-homeless people will be adversely affected by the passing of Proposition N? How many city princes owe their lifestyles to the GA program's administration?

Tim Hogan
San Francisco

Think outside the flower box

I guess I would vote for Bevan Dufty if all I expected out of a supervisor were someone who can coordinate pothole repairs and hand out light bulbs at a conservation fair. Luckily, Castro residents like myself can vote for someone with a more inclusive vision for San Francisco and District 8. Don't get me wrong, neighborhood beautification is a burning issue, but I haven't read much about what Dufty's done to address immigrant rights or the displacement of people of color. What's his record on strengthening the living conditions of working families, the renters and homeowners of our district who struggle to balance their checkbook each month? Well, the San Francisco Labor Council doesn't think it's too good. They didn't endorse him. Where do women – lesbian and straight – who are students, activists, child care providers, and community services workers fit in the Dufty equation? Given his cozy relationship with the Realtors and developers (notice his signs in empty buildings), they'll soon be forced out of the district. As a gay man, I want to support a candidate who can

think outside the flower box. I'm choosing Eileen Hansen.

Steve Filandrinos
San Francisco

A female Chris Daly?

I took John Lehnert's advice and checked out Eileen Hansen's Web site [Mailstrom, September 26]. I was hoping for a strong independent woman like Sophie Maxwell, but Hansen sounds like a female Chris Daly. We deserve better. District 8 needs a strong independent voice, not another lap dog for Tom Amiano.

Jon Denning
San Francisco

I'm still here

I know Sweet Lips is still young (in her 80s), and that she is still on the wagon, therefore, I don't understand all the errors in her last column about Kimo's ["Polk St. gets tropical!" September 19]:

1. Kimo's is predominantly an Asian gay bar. While we do have a proportionate number of the Asian race, our clientele has no predominate race. We are as gay as ever.

2. Kimo's has hot go-go boys dancing to the sound of DJs on Friday and Saturday nights. Wrong, but the go-go boys sound good.

3. Kimo's has hot Club NRG on Thursday nights. Wrong, again. We have four live bands performing seven nights a week upstairs.

4. Kimo's is under new ownership. Since I have been the sole owner of Kimo's for the last 26 years, I would think that I would be the first person to know if I had sold the bar. No one gave me a check for it.

There were two items in the column that were correct – the address and the phone number.

Kimo Cochran
San Francisco

[Editor's note: The mistakes in the Sweet Lips column were due to an editing error, not to Lips, who still has her wits about her. Information regarding two Polk Street establishments, Kimo's and N'Touch, were inadvertently mixed up, resulting in the confusion. We regret the errors.]

Brazil is a new country

To all the Bay Area Reporter Brazilian readers who still hold Brazilian citizenship and as such are obligated to vote at their local consulate for a new president. And to all our U.S. friends and families:

This Sunday October 6, Brazil will be voting in a new president. Readers should consider a few facts that affect most of us gay and heterosexual Brazilians and Americans in the U.S.

Brazil is home to a large North American LGBTQ and heterosexual community, many thousand "Americanos" live or fly to South America every year for business and fun.

The U.S. has many billions of dollars invested in Brazil through major U.S. corporations such as Morgan Stanley Investments, Chevron Corp., Citibank, Bank of America, AT&T, and many others, some of whom might be your employer here in the U.S. Just recently the U.S. endorsed a loan of \$30 billion to Brazil aimed at keeping the economy afloat.

As boring as it all may sound to you, the changes happening in the biggest country in South America will affect all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning tourists planning a visit or return to Brazil.

The incumbent president, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, in step with other politicians at the end of his mandate, has endorsed many resolutions aimed at sweeping social changes, some of which are beneficial to minorities including the Brazilian LGBTQ community. His secretary of health, Jose Serra, currently running for the presidency, was instrumental in the fight with international drug manufacturers to produce generic versions of AIDS drugs. Brazil is being hailed as a champion in the fight against AIDS, thanks in part to Jose Serra and the current mayor of Sao Paulo, Martha Suplicy, a heterosexual progressive politician who's written and staunchly supported equal rights for gays and other minorities even at the cost of being ridiculed by short-sighted colleagues and the general press.

We also have an openly lesbian candidate for governor of the state of Rio De Janeiro. The Pride Celebration in Sao Paulo in June was attended by 400,000 people, with just as many at the LGBTQ Pride Parade and celebration in Rio.

All of these social changes in Brazil translate into safety, stability, and fun for all who dream of visiting, returning for a visit, or plan on moving to Brazil.

I want to inform the Brazilians who were once persecuted in our country for being queer and who may not be aware of how much more progressive Brazil is becoming.

If you or a friend is voting on Sunday, October 6, remember who your friends are, your vote will count.

Clayton Araujo
San Mateo, California

POLITICS

Re-elect Gov. Davis

by Wayne Friday

After weeks of running television attack ads on his conservative Republican opponent **Bill Simon**, Governor **Gray Davis** (D), who is still a favorite to win re-election next month, has finally shifted his ad campaign to policy issues, touting his administration's record of improved school children's test scores, new veterans' homes being built, supporting union workers, and extending health coverage for children.

Is it too late for Simon to beat Davis on November 5? No. The Republicans held their lovefest this past weekend in Garden Grove (Orange County) and pledged an all-out effort to unseat Davis. Additionally, the national party has sent Simon a million bucks to add to the \$4 million he loaned his own campaign. Still, even most pragmatic Republicans admit that, barring a miracle, their candidate will likely lose next month to Davis.

If Davis were running for re-election on his personal magnetism, Simon would likely beat him. One doesn't have to admire Davis to realize

that at his worst he is still far better than Simon would be at his best. I don't know Davis personally, though I've met him a number of times. Is he someone you want to go have a drink or two with? No. Frankly, the guy is as interesting as last week's newspaper. Nope, **John Kennedy**, **Bill Clinton**, or even **Jerry Brown**—Davis certainly is not. But then, again, we are voting for governor of California on November 5, not prom king, and when it comes to issues important to all Californians in general and the LGBT community in particular, Davis is the only candidate for the job.

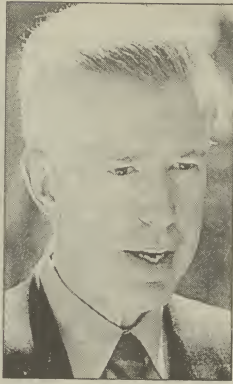
Simon, the poster boy of California arch-conservatives, would be a disaster for us. Simon has shown that he's no friend of the LGBT community. In contrast, Davis has been a longtime supporter and, in fact, has championed many of our causes. That's the difference; the only one that really matters.

When Simon tried quietly to curry favor with some gay Republicans recently by agreeing to the simplest of things—like recognizing Gay Pride Week—he was forced to backtrack and renege on his promise because the Reverend **Lou Sheldon** and company threatened to desert him if he failed to do so.

Simon is a successful businessman? Ha! Simon, who put one family-owned savings and loan company into bankruptcy, has been sued by questionable business partners and is again headed to court. His success seems limited to only being lucky to have been born into a wealthy family.

Simon has proven his word is no good—he buckled to Sheldon, took back all those "commitments" he promised the gay Log Cabin Republicans, and one has to know he would have to run any judicial appointments past the likes of Sheldon and company.

Davis has signed legislation that ultra-conservative Simon would never even consider. Indeed, Simon is a far-right, anti-gay, anti-choice, pro-lifer that this state doesn't need as governor.



Governor Gray Davis

Like him or not, Davis has increased AIDS funding in the state, has been a consistently strong advocate of a woman's right to choose, and has signed legislation guaranteeing state abortion rights if the U. S. Supreme Court were to take away a federal guarantee. He has signed legislation guaranteeing paid leave to care for sick family members (something

Simon says he opposes), has required automakers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2009, and has also signed equally important legislation eliminating gun manufacturers' shield from lawsuits, to name only a few of hundreds of progressive bills signed into law by Davis.

With just over a month until the November 5 election, more than one-fourth of the state's voters are said to be "undecided" on the governor's race. It shouldn't be that difficult, folks. The bottom line is you don't have to find Davis to be a personable guy to vote for him—look at the record. He has earned our support.

With the gains that we have made under Davis and the Democrat-controlled Legislature, we can't risk a right-wing Republican like Bill Simon to turn things backwards. Members of the LGBT community in particular—Democrat or Republican—should vote to re-elect Governor Gray Davis on November 5.

Politics and people

A note to readers in the Guerneville/Sonoma County area: Supervisor **Mark Leno** and former Santa Cruz Mayor **John Laird** (both soon-to-be-assemblemen) and Assemblywoman **Carole Migden** (D-San Francisco) will appear at a fundraiser reception at Fife's Resort in Guerneville on October 5 to help out 1st Assembly District Democratic nominee **Patty Berg**, a longtime supporter of our community (707-484-4802 for info). Said Berg: "I'm honored to have people of this caliber coming to help me with my election; I have always been a staunch supporter of equal rights for all minorities, including gays and lesbians and I'm really pleased these fine people are coming to town to help me get my message out."

The respected Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club will hold its "30 Years of Community Leadership" party on October 16 at the San Francisco LGBT Community Center; the club will present its first-ever Robert Barnes Lifetime

Achievement Award to **Kevin Piedescalza** (\$100; 415-260-8380 for info).

Oh, yes, I got an e-mail from the Harvey Milk LGBT Demo Club's **Debra Walker** assuring me that the club has indeed endorsed Supervisor Mark Leno for Assembly in the 13th District despite what the club's newsletter reported. Walker blamed the mistake in the newsletter on an editing error. The Green-leaning Milkites also endorsed Green Party member **Barry Hermanson** for supe over numerous qualified Democrats in the 4th District. Walker told us that the club decided to base its endorsements on policy positions rather than political party affiliation of the candidates.

District 8 Supe candidate **Tom Radulovich's** campaign material boasts that he "was one of only a few officials to endorse **Tom Ammiano** for Mayor," but isn't Board of Supes Prez Ammiano endorsing **Eileen Hansen** in that supe race?

Proposition A (the fix Hetch Hetchy scheme) is opposed by the Sierra Club and that's good enough for me. No on Proposition A.

What I'm hearing from the City Hall types is that **Mabel Teng** is well on her way to victory in next month's runoff in the assessor's race against incumbent **Doris Ward**.

Assistant District Attorney **Burke Strunsky** could very well end up in a December runoff with Supe **Chris Daly** for the District 6 seat.

Superior Court candidate **Sean Connolly** has been endorsed by a wide range of politicians from Public Defender **Kimiko Burton** to District Attorney **Terence Hallinan** to supes **Matt Gonzalez**, **Tony Hall**, and **Gavin Newsom**.

And one of my favorite political leaders—Senator **Dianne Feinstein** (D-California)—is among the few Democratic members of Congress willing to stand up to **George W. Bush's** rush to war with Iraq. Feinstein: "Every general with whom I've talked, privately, says this war could end up being much more difficult than some in the White House expect it to be, so simply to rush ahead and authorize the president to use force now, before these questions are answered and without an imminent threat—save what some hope to gain from this issue in the upcoming elections—would be a grave threat." Feinstein has it right (along with others like **Al Gore** and Senator **Ted Kennedy** D-Massachusetts).

President Bush, Vice President **Dick Cheney**, Secretary of Defense **Donald Rumsfeld**, and the political machine headed by **Karl Rove** are hell bent on keeping the threat of war with Iraq on the front pages and leading the network news until after the November 5 election, hoping, of course, that voters will forget the rising unemployment, the weakened economy, the federal budget deficit, and the plunging stock market. Bush and company might just be losing this game, however.

Good woman, that Dame Elizabeth: Veteran AIDS activist, film star **Elizabeth Taylor** auctioned off eight pieces of her personal jewelry collection the other night in New York City, bringing in \$258,000 for the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation.

District Attorney **Terence Hall**

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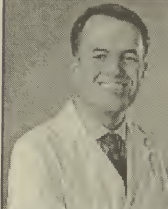
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Weird science?

by Gwendolyn Ann Smith

Perhaps we live in a brave new world after all.

When I was young, the word "clone" was brand new, a concept that I learned about right along with my parents. Rest assured, the pundits of the time extolled, cloning was just not scientifically possible. It would never happen.

Fast forward a few decades. Now we live in a time after Dolly the sheep, where partial and whole clones are becoming so commonplace that they do not make the evening news. An era where the human genome is being unlocked and unraveled, and where the magic of stem cells is being exposed and explored.

The possibilities are incredible. Need an organ? It may soon be possible to grow them in a lab, rather than waiting for a potential donor. False teeth could end up a thing of the past, with recent successful attempts to create molars and bicuspsids in a laboratory animal. Infertile couples may even manage to

get donor sperm or eggs with their own DNA added in. One wonders if the future could lead to a form of immortality, with worn out parts replaced like one might change the spark plugs on their '73 Gremlin.

The possibilities for the transgendered are even more outstanding, and far more topical to this column.

Consider the longtime issue with female to male "bottom" surgeries. The two typical surgeries to create a phallus for FTMs are the phalloplasty and the metoidioplasty. The former consists of grafted donor skin, muscle, and such rolled up and sewn into place, while the latter is a surgical "freeing up" of the clitoris.

I've had the pleasure of looking at many examples of these surgeries, through the photographs of Loren Cameron. Sadly, most of the surgical results are not as promising as one might hope, leading me to fully understand why many FTMs opt against such surgery. For the price, it is simply not worth it.

Imagine, though, if a penis created of an FTM's own genetic material was grown and attached to the patient. Suddenly – rather than the "frankendicks" of the past, an FTM could have a penis capable of erection without the help of a plastic stiffener, and which is far more aesthetically pleasing than the typical result. It would be a quantum leap for FTMs facing surgical options that haven't changed much since they

were developed in the late 1940s!

There's more than just a penis to consider. In another recent study, stem cells were coaxed into becoming sperm cells, allowing the potential that an FTM could have sperm of his own, thus allowing him to become a genetic father for the first time.

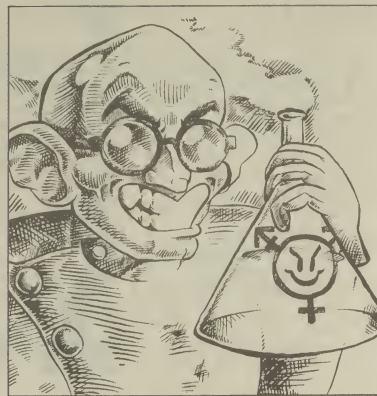
This is not limited to female to male individuals, either. Male to females could also gain egg cells of their own – something I would stand in line for. The technology is not yet there for giving a transgendered woman like me my own ovaries and womb, but it's hard to truly say that this will never be a possibility – and even without this, an egg with my

own genetic information could still be used with a surrogate mother, allowing me and those like me to be the mother of their children.

One may even wonder if – with the work done on the human genome – we may see the future possibility of altering one's own sex chromosomes. This opens up a very big can of worms in a world that is now trying to determine legal cases based on the genetic sex of a transgendered person. Being able to shift at a chromosomal level might throw a very large wrench into the plans of those who want to hold "XX" and "XY" as the only markers for determining just what sex a person is.

Indeed, these scientific advancements can sweep all the definitions of sex and gender right off the table. Is a man a man because he has a penis? Is a woman a woman because she can be the mother to her children? Is sex only based on the sex chromosomes? All of these poor thumbnails to describe what makes a man or woman could very well go the way of the dinosaurs – and that's a very good thing.

This could even lead the way for a complete rethinking of gender and sex in our society. If any-



Christine Smith

one can have egg cells, and if anyone can have a penis – regardless of pesky things like a birth sex – then what is to keep people from exploring their alternatives? I mentioned above that I would line up for an egg cell carrying my own DNA. Now imagine if the egg that is used for infusing my DNA is that of my partner, and ze carries the child in hir womb. Further, imagine if ze has sperm created from hir own DNA – suddenly, we've managed to dramatically alter the concepts of mother and father.

It's not to say that there aren't risks involved, nor that all these scientific advancements don't have any downside. I've written before about my own fears that unlocking the human genome could well lead to attempts to clean it up, thus getting rid of any anomalies in human DNA – including what causes transgenderism in the first place. I'm sure that there are plenty of people who would dearly love to make all that is transgender just vanish out of humankind, but I believe that transgenderism is simply a part of the wonder of human diversity, and deliberately removing it could well weaken the whole of humanity.

The risks are large indeed, but there are things to explore out there, and new concepts that cry out to be tested. Concepts that could revolutionize what we call transgender. ▼

Gwen Smith wasn't simply being academic in her concepts for having a child of her own. She can be found on the Web in Gay.com's "Transgender Gazebo," and at www.gwensmith.com.

Our Man Friday

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linan recently told newsmen **Bruce Pettit** on AT&T's Newshour television show that: "I'm planning to run for another term" next year. "Planning" doesn't sound too definite to me. (Are **Kamala Harris** supporters reading this?)

And finally, so much for that gay bumper sticker that reads "Hate is Not a Family Value." According to *U.S. News & World Report*, that's the message from the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay lobby, which is hosting fundraising parties to celebrate the upcoming retirement of conservative, anti-gay Senator **Jesse Helms** (R-North Carolina). Forgive and forget? No way. It's definitely payback time for the homophobic Helms, who was always hostile to equal rights for gays. As

a kind of final insult, new and old HRC members are being urged to make a contribution to the organization in Helms's name. Send contributions to: Human Rights Campaign, 919 18th St. NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20006.

My "Quote of the Week" comes from *San Francisco Chronicle* columnist **Rob Morse** on why Gavin Newsom's Care Not Cash initiative (Proposition N) has such wide support among voters. Morse: "The bottom line for me is I don't want to let people live on the sidewalks – drinking, shooting up, urinating, defecating, and dying because of drugs taxpayers pay for. Tolerance doesn't mean tolerating the city as a toilet, with nothing flushed away but taxpayers' money."

And how was your week? ▼

Got a political tip? E-mail WayneFridaySF@aol.com.

Crying wolf

by Dale Carpenter

Over the years, the Human Rights Campaign has been an effective voice for gay civil rights. I have personally supported the group with my money and my time. So it's especially disappointing when HRC clearly misses the boat.

The group recently came out against one of President Bush's judicial nominees, Michael McConnell, charging that he has written "disturbing law briefs and articles" and suggesting he would not "fairly enforce federal civil rights laws." So baseless and error-filled is HRC's opposition that I suspect it has far more to do with maintaining its ties to a coalition of liberal-interest groups — who oppose McConnell for their own reasons — than with a genuine concern about gay rights. (A disclosure at the outset: McConnell was a professor of mine in law school 12 years ago and served as a reference for me when I applied for a teaching job.)

McConnell teaches law at the University of Utah. (In its initial press release announcing its opposition, HRC got even this elementary fact wrong.) When Bush nominated him to a federal appellate court, the nomination drew strong support from hundreds of legal scholars across the political spectrum, including the country's leading liberal constitutional thinkers. That is not surprising given the extraordinary quality of McConnell's scholarship, which is at once challenging and measured.

Is McConnell hostile to gays? The facts belie the charge. While they don't necessarily tell us how he would rule as a judge, they at least tell us where his heart is.

Nowhere in its press release opposing him does HRC mention that, as a policy matter, McConnell opposes sodomy laws.

Nor does HRC mention that McConnell publicly supported the right of a gay student group to meet on a public high school campus in Salt Lake City at a time when the school board was trying to keep them out.

Nor does HRC mention that McConnell publicly supported the efforts of the Salt Lake City Council to protect gays from employment discrimination. Instead, HRC chides him for advocating that small employers with religious objections should be exempt from such laws. Yet exemp-

tions for small employers are common in civil rights laws, as HRC knows.

HRC emphasizes McConnell's legal representation of the Boy Scouts of America, saying this "demonstrates hostility to gay ... rights." On the contrary, McConnell's work on the case demonstrates he is committed to the basic First Amendment rights of all Americans, including gay Americans.

After a state tried to force the BSA to hire openly gay scoutmasters, McConnell represented the group in its appeal to the Supreme Court. In his brief, McConnell framed the issue as a matter of reaffirming First Amendment freedoms, not opposing "gay rights." He studiously avoided reliance on hoary stereotypes of gays as child molesters. Invoking that stereotype would have been an easy and perhaps effective choice for an anti-gay activist since it has historically had much power in public debates involving the interaction of gays with children.

Moreover, McConnell's Supreme Court brief invoked gays' own interest in strong constitutional protection for associational freedom. One gay civil rights group, Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty, filed a brief supporting McConnell's argument. Are they anti-gay too?

In defending the BSA's right to determine the composition of its leadership, McConnell was defending the right of gay groups (like HRC) to enjoy the same liberty. Associational freedom has been a critical component in gays' decades-long struggle for legal and social equality in America, providing critical space within which to organize and strategize free from government intrusion. We cannot demand that freedom for ourselves and deny it to others.

It is possible, of course, for reasonable people to disagree about the merits of the BSA's position in the case and with the ultimate Supreme Court decision vindicating that position. But it is not reasonable to conclude from McConnell's argument that he will be an opponent of gay equality as a judge.

Much of the rest of the HRC press release quotes, out of context, from an essay McConnell wrote hypothesizing a "First Amendment" for sexual orientation that does not exist. It's impossible to tell based on this essay how McConnell would vote as a

judge since it's a thought experiment and deals with policy rather than jurisprudence.

Nevertheless, in the essay, McConnell supports tough anti-crime measures protecting gays from private violence, opposes the exclusion of gays from the military based solely on sexual orientation, and opposes anti-gay curricula in public schools. These stands don't fit well with HRC's caricature of McConnell.

Perhaps most disturbing is HRC's blatant misuse of remarks supposedly made by McConnell regarding the Boy Scouts' controversy at a symposium. HRC took a paraphrase of a portion of McConnell's remarks prepared by a conservative group and inserted the paraphrase into its press release as if it were a direct quote from McConnell himself. This is either inexcusable sloppiness or intellectual dishonesty.

In any event, the remarks attributed to McConnell only warn the BSA that its struggle to maintain its membership policies would not end with a Supreme Court decision, a warning that has come true.

HRC may have pleased its liberal interest-group allies by opposing McConnell, but it has done gays a disservice. Through its slapdash and tendentious hatchet-job on a principled and widely respected nominee, HRC has cried wolf, undermining its credibility as a guardian of gay equality in appointments to the federal judiciary. That will be too bad should the day come when we'll really need such a guardian. ▼



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Jenkins offers a mix diverse as District 6



Candidate Garrett Jenkins

by Zak Szymanski

When Garrett Jenkins served in the United States Navy, he made frequent long visits to San Francisco as a "wild and crazy sailor." But today, the openly bisexual Jenkins, 39, who has lived in the Tenderloin for the past seven years, has bolder visions for his district and the city.

Jenkins wants to combine what he calls his "street credibility" – including an extensive history as a neighborhood organizer and activist – with his "keen sense of business" – he serves on several

city boards and works for the for-profit arm of the Mission Housing Development Corporation – to go where supervisors rarely go.

"I want to build consensus," said Jenkins. "We need a leader in District 6 to bring together the business community and activists to work on our issues instead of just supporting one side, which is what we've had the last couple of years."

As one of the few out queer candidates for supervisor in District 6, an African American, and a disabled veteran, Jenkins brings a unique perspective to the diverse district that cradles a significant share of the city's wealth as well as homelessness. The Democrat got

his start as a tenant activist, quickly earning a place at the table in groups like the environmentally-oriented San Francisco Tomorrow. He got a bittersweet taste of electoral politics when he won a seat on the San Francisco municipal utility board last year. That board, however, is not up and running as voters nixed the public power plan. (Another public power proposal is on the November 5 ballot.) He is the vice chair of the San Francisco Sunshine Task Force, which holds hearings on matters that ask whether the government needs to release information, and "They usually do," he laughed.

But his work has gone into not-so-left efforts as well, leading the fight for more police on Tenderloin streets, for instance, and supporting ballot initiatives such as Care Not Cash (Proposition N) and Home Ownership Program for Everyone (Proposition R).

"I look at HOPE as just another step in providing home ownership opportunities," explained Jenkins. "Some critics say poor people won't benefit from it, and that may be true, but if the middle-income bracket could use it, that's a resource we need here as well."

Encouraging home ownership – including dense units of mixed-

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Strunsky hopes to replace Daly in Dist. 6

by Dennis Conkin

Burke Strunsky wants San Francisco Supervisor Chris Daly's job so much that he packed his bags at the end of August, turned over his prosecutorial caseload of pending felony cases – and his shiny badge – and has left his post as an assistant district attorney at the Hall of Justice to begin the full-time job of trying to unseat Daly.

"I love being a DA. It's a great job," Strunsky said. "I enjoy being in court on a daily basis and having the opportunity to assist victims. But, it's very reactive."

The University of San Francisco Law School graduate said that as a member of the Board of Supervisors, he'd be able to serve the public more effectively.

"As a prosecutor I am dealing with people after they've become problems. As a legislator, I would be working in a more proactive way on the needs of people, whether it's an increase in public benefits, more services for seniors, more effective services for homeless people," Strunsky said. "All these things would keep people out of the criminal justice system."

District 6 is the city's most diverse electoral district, with boundaries stretching from well-

off South Beach to South of Market and the inner Mission, Hayes Valley, and the lower Polk to the impoverished Tenderloin. Treasure Island is also included in the district.

"It's quintessential San Francisco," he said.

According to Strunsky, the issues defining District 6 are "the issues defining San Francisco."

"Namely homeless, drugs and crime. It is only with an understanding of the strong interrelation between these issues that real change is possible."

Strunsky believes that District 6 residents are poorly served by Daly. He said that he has received

wide-ranging and often unsolicited support from many sectors – street people to business owners – who feel shut out by Daly.

"They are tired of divisive politics, there are so many different viewpoints and issues and I think [Daly] ignores certain parts of the district. I've learned from my job as an assistant district attorney that you can't ignore anything, or anyone," Strunsky told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

According to Strunsky, listening to constituents and their concerns will be a number one priority if he is elected.

"I've learned that the most im-

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Can I take KALETRA with other medications?

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- **If you are taking both didanosine (Videx®) and KALETRA:** Didanosine (Videx®) should be taken one hour before or two hours after KALETRA.

What are the possible side effects of KALETRA?

This list of side effects is not complete. If you have questions about side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You should report any new

or continuing symptoms to your doctor right away. Your doctor may be able to help you manage these side effects.

- The most commonly reported side effects of moderate severity that are thought to be drug related are: abnormal stools (bowel movements), diarrhea, feeling weak/tired, headache, and nausea. Children taking KALETRA may sometimes get a skin rash.
- Blood tests in patients taking KALETRA may show possible liver problems. People with liver disease such as Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C who take KALETRA may have worsening liver disease. Liver problems including death have occurred in patients taking KALETRA. In studies, it is unclear if KALETRA caused these liver problems because some patients had other illnesses or were taking other medicines.
- Some patients taking KALETRA can develop serious problems with their pancreas (pancreatitis), which may cause death. You have a higher chance of having pancreatitis if you have had it before. Tell your doctor if you have nausea, vomiting, or abdominal pain. These may be signs of pancreatitis.
- Some patients have large increases in triglycerides and cholesterol. The long-term chance of getting complications such as heart attacks or stroke due to increases in triglycerides and cholesterol caused by protease inhibitors is not known at this time.
- Diabetes and high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) occur in patients taking protease inhibitors such as KALETRA. Some patients had diabetes before starting protease inhibitors, others did not. Some patients need changes in their diabetes medicine. Others needed new diabetes medicine.
- Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking antiretroviral therapy. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The cause and long term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.
- Some patients with hemophilia have increased bleeding with protease inhibitors.
- There have been other side effects in patients taking KALETRA. However, these side effects may have been due to other medicines that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Some of these side effects can be serious.

What should I tell my doctor before taking KALETRA?

- **If you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant:** The effects of KALETRA on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known.
- **If you are breast-feeding:** Do not breast-feed if you are taking KALETRA. You should not breast-feed if you have HIV. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby, talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that HIV can be transmitted through breast-feeding.
- **If you have liver problems:** If you have liver problems or are infected with Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C, you should tell your doctor before taking KALETRA.
- **If you have diabetes:** Some people taking protease inhibitors develop new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Tell your doctor if you have diabetes or an increase in thirst or frequent urination.
- **If you have hemophilia:** Patients taking KALETRA may have increased bleeding.

How do I store KALETRA?

- Keep KALETRA and all other medicines out of the reach of children.
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- Avoid exposure to excessive heat.

Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

General advice about prescription medicines:

Talk to your doctor or other health care provider if you have any questions about this medicine or your condition. Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information Leaflet. If you have any concerns about this medicine, ask your doctor. Your doctor or pharmacist can give you information about this medicine that was written for health care professionals. Do not use this medicine for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not share this medicine with other people.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Hearing tackles issues for older gays

by Zak Szymanski

Older lesbians, gay, bisexuals, and transgenders often face dual discrimination: ageism in the gay communities, and homophobia while accessing senior services. Recognizing a need to address today's social and economic pitfalls, as well as plan for the future of a community that is growing older, the San Francisco Human Rights Commission is holding a public hearing next Thursday, October 10, at 4:30 in City Hall room 416.

Older adults who have encountered homophobia or transphobia

while seeking senior services; isolation because of age, sexuality, or gender identity; economic disadvantages; problems finding housing; and other issues are encouraged to testify about their experiences. Likewise, those who have found services and communities that are welcoming and helpful are asked to share their experiences as well. Additionally, providers who serve the LGBT and/or senior communities are invited to speak or listen to suggestions.

Issues to be addressed include how LGBT couples can protect their relationships as they grow older; whether members of the community participate only in

LGBT programs; whether LGBT seniors are active in the spiritual, leather, bisexual communities; how factors like race and class affect participation in programs; how elder and/or domestic violence affects the older LGBT communities; and whether healthcare addresses all the needs of an aging LGBT population. Through the testimony of all those present, the HRC hopes to formulate guidelines and recommendations to address the specific needs of older LGBT people.

Everyone is welcome. More information about the hearing is available by calling (415) 252-2510. ▼

Swim for women with cancer this weekend

by Zak Szymanski

Whether you're a deep sea diver or prefer to float in something inflatable, this weekend's "Swim a Mile" for women with cancer, a noncompetitive fundraiser open to all ages and abilities, promises a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

Swim a Mile, which begins Saturday, October 5, and continues through Sunday October 6, is the annual event of the Women's Cancer Resource Center, Oakland's free support and social services organization dedicated to empower-

ing women with cancer with health and benefits information, community referrals, and emotional counseling. This year's event takes place both days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Trefethen Aquatic Center on the Mills College campus, 5000 MacArthur Boulevard. Last year's event raised more than \$155,000 for women living with cancer, and this year's event aims to break the \$200,000 mark.

Swimmers must register, sign up for a time slot, and collect \$150 or more in pledges. Those who choose to swim a full mile—which is not required—should know that it takes about 70 lengths of the pool, and up

to 45 minutes to complete.

Interested participants should visit WCCR's Web site (www.wccrc.org), where they can download forms, register online until 3 p.m. today, Thursday, October 3 (registration is also available on-site), and check which swim time slots remain available (available slots will be posted online by this Friday). A \$25 registration fee per person is required. Bring collected pledges to the event, which will also feature food, a raffle, gifts for all swimmers, and prizes to those who raise the most money.

The Swim a Mile hotline is (510) 888-4393. ▼

Project Inform hotline training this weekend

by Zak Szymanski

Community-minded individuals looking to make a positive change without having to give up a lot of time may want to consider volunteering for Project Inform's HIV/AIDS treatment hotline, a toll-free number that receives more than 40,000 calls annually and provides up-to-date information to a wide range of people affected by the AIDS epidemic.

A committed group of over 70 people staff the hotline, answering

telephone calls, providing HIV treatment information, and helping callers understand HIV disease and treatment options. To join this group of dedicated volunteers, one only needs to commit to at least one shift per week for a minimum of six months, and attend the upcoming hotline training sessions held at Project Inform's offices, 205 13th Street, on Friday, October 4 from 5:30-9 p.m., and Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Women, people of color, lesbians and gay men, and individu-

als with disabilities, including HIV-related disabilities, are all encouraged to volunteer at Project Inform. To attend the upcoming hotline trainings, call (415) 558-8669, ext. 218, or e-mail volunteer@projectinform.org for more information. A completed volunteer application and a meeting with the volunteer services manager are required before attending the training; walk-ins are not permitted. To reach the treatment hotline, call (800) 822-7422 or (415) 558-9051. For more information on Project Inform, visit www.projectinform.org. ▼

Syphilis rates

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on its own. State and local government can't do it alone. We need help from the local community," he added. "We need help from the gay community leadership to best understand how we can approach this health problem."

San Francisco officials hope their Healthy Penis 2002 campaign will help to turn the tide on the city's syphilis outbreak. Since it debuted at the end of June, the campaign's Web site has averaged more than 9,100 hits per day.

And the campaign's life-size penis and syphilis sore characters have been hits at both the Up Your Alley and Folsom Street fairs this summer. Penis and sore stress dolls have also been popular among gay men, according to the campaign's creator.

"The STD division has been doing surveys and what they have found is a lot of people are aware of the campaign," said Les Papas, with Better World Advertising.

Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, the city's director of STD prevention, did not return calls seeking comment for this story.

According to the monthly STD reports, there does not appear to have been a large spike in syphilis

cases since the city's Healthy Penis campaign began. In July, the number of cases jumped by 12 cases compared to a monthly average of 50 cases during the first six months. In August, the number dropped down to 50 cases.

To evaluate awareness of the campaign, the health department surveyed people at City Clinic and gay men on the streets and in bars. Of 377 people surveyed at the clinic, 50 percent said they had seen it, while 63 percent of 114 people asked out in the community answered they had seen the campaign.

"We did ask did it influence you to come to the STD clinic and one-third said it did have a large or some influence to come to the clinic. That is of the 50 percent who had seen the campaign," said Charlotte Kent, chief of the city's epidemiology unit.

While it is too soon to evaluate the campaign's impact on the latest STD numbers, Papas said the number of syphilis cases will most likely continue to increase as more men get tested.

"It is reasonable in the short run to see those numbers go up. Not too far down the road they should start to go down," he said. "The more people are aware of the problem, the more people who will come in to get tested."

Syphilis appears first as a sore, usually on the genitals, then develops as a rash. It can be cured with penicillin, but left untreated it can damage the heart, eyes, brain, and other parts of the body.

For health officials, the rise in syphilis is especially alarming because having the STD makes it much easier to get and give HIV. Men who have syphilis have a two to five times higher risk of getting HIV if they have sex with someone who is HIV-positive. Men who have HIV and also have syphilis are more likely to pass HIV to their sex partner(s).

The Stop AIDS Project is planning a forum in November to address the issue of syphilis among HIV-positive men. And the agency is helping the health department evaluate its syphilis education campaign by surveying gay men.

The project's program director, David Evans, said he believes the campaign is having an impact based on the data collected so far.

"Anecdotally, it would appear from what our participants are seeing that talk about syphilis has risen. Simply getting the word out there is a problem seems to have been successful," said Evans.

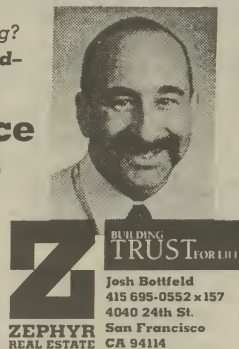
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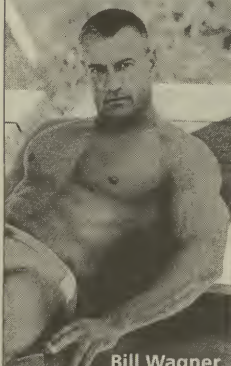
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Murder suspect

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plained that he got the marks as a result of a fight he had with Ober. McKinnon didn't say that the fight resulted in Ober's death. Franco strongly disputes McKinnon's claim of self-defense.

"That's bullshit. Bullshit," an angry Franco said. "I do not believe it. He's a motherfucker and I'd gladly pull the switch."

When told that McKinnon wanted Franco to leave \$10 on his jail commissary books, Franco said the only thing he wanted to leave for McKinnon is a note to say that he wanted him executed.

Franco knew both McKinnon and Ober for about a year and a half. Like Ober, he briefly let McKinnon live with him while McKinnon was down on his luck.

"The cops told me it was just lucky it's not your murder we are investigating," Franco said.

Franco said that Ober wouldn't have attacked anyone. He said that Ober was vulnerable because he had been very sick because of a back problem.

Franco said Ober's killing left him in a state of shock.

"Not only was I shocked, but I was sick over this for over a week," he said.

Franco said because of his experience dealing with so many different types of people, he considers himself a good judge of character, but he said he was never so completely fooled by anyone. He said McKinnon destroyed his belief in his ability to make judgments about the character of others.

People vs. peephole

McKinnon told the B.A.R. that he lived with Ober for three days before he allegedly killed him. He said that Ober agreed to let him stay with him because he was homeless. He said they were friends, not boyfriends.

"He was lonely and seemed like a really nice guy," said McKinnon, noting that he knew Ober for over a year.

McKinnon said that although he has spent a long time in bars in

the Castro and is attracted to men, he doesn't consider himself gay.

"I'm not gay. I'm not bi. I'm a people person. And I love people. I don't like peepholes. Do you know the difference between a peephole and a people? A peephole, you can see right through them."

When asked why he didn't go to the police immediately if he believed he acted in self-defense, McKinnon responded: "You know what? I'm just a fucking human being and I got scared. And you know what? I'm not scared anymore. It doesn't matter what happens to me. What matters is what happens to this planet if someone doesn't do something; it's not going to be pretty. Revelations. Read it. It's already happening, the plagues. Man against man. The East against the West. It's already there."

"I want people to know what happened," said McKinnon. "I did nothing wrong. You understand that? The government does more wrong in five minutes than I've done in my entire life. They let Saddam Hussein get away with it 10 years ago, 11 years ago, 12 years ago, and now they let Osama bin Laden go."

McKinnon didn't want to go into detail about his alleged struggle with Ober but he told the B.A.R. that he used no weapon. Police suspect that Ober may have been stabbed and are examining a knife for DNA evidence.

"I don't know why anyone is talking about a knife for. I don't know nothing about no knife. I really don't."

"I did not use any weapons at all. I was sitting on the damn toilet," he added.

Police say Ober's body was found sprinkled with baking soda, in an apparent attempt to mask the smell. When asked about that, McKinnon answered: "I'm not going to comment on that."

McKinnon also declined to comment on an allegation that he abused an elderly man in his care.

When asked about a report that he may have told another customer at the Pendulum while he was drunk that he "did a bad

thing," McKinnon answered: "I don't know. If I was drunk, I was drunk. I can't remember and that's all I can say about that ... And you know I've done a bad thing' can be a lot of things, [like] I peed on the toilet seat. You know I've done a lot of bad things in my life like running out on my first wife, running out on my second wife. Running out on my first child, running out on my second child."

McKinnon explained that he was married twice and each time walked on his wife. He said he has a son from his first wife in Canada. He said the boy is now 14, 15, or 16 years old. He said he has a 12- or 13-year-old daughter from his second wife in Florida. He said he's originally from Canada and moved to this country when he was 21 or 22. He said he has lived in the Bay Area for five years.

After the September 11 terrorist attacks, McKinnon said that he designed, produced, and sold T-shirts to raise money for 9/11 victims. He said he produced 72 shirts, 32 of which are still at the printers because he owes the printer \$400.

"That will show you the type of person I really am inside," he said.

McKinnon said he hopes to spend his time in jail writing books. He said he has the first 10 pages written of his new novel. And he said he plans to write a book about his murder case.

More evidence

Last Thursday, September 26, a day after the interview was conducted, McKinnon phoned this reporter from jail to say that on orders from his attorney, he can no longer talk to the B.A.R. or any other media outlet.

Since the interview, the B.A.R. has learned of more potentially damaging evidence against McKinnon. Franco told the B.A.R. that McKinnon "was suddenly flush with money" in the days after Ober disappeared. Franco said McKinnon bought rounds of drinks for customers and gave away and sold pain medication. In retrospect, Franco is convinced the drugs and money were Ober's. He noted that Ober had to take

pain medication for his back. The drugs included Valium, OxyContin, and morphine.

The B.A.R. has learned that a backpack containing a loaded gun and Ober's checkbook was left in the Midnight Sun bar sometime in mid-August, during the time when Ober was missing. The backpack was eventually turned over to San Francisco Patrol Special Police Officer Jane Warner, who filed a report and turned it over to her superiors. The backpack was shuffled off to SFPD's burglary detail. After reading Ober's name last week in newspaper stories, a Midnight Sun bartender remembered the name and alerted Warner to it. Warner in turn alerted SFPD's homicide Inspector Holly Pera.

Pera told the B.A.R. that her office just received the backpack from the burglary detail and she wasn't sure yet how significant that find would be to their investigation.

Meanwhile, Ober's next door neighbor and close friend Stephanie Henry has kept candles lit outside Ober's apartment door since his body was discovered.

"I keep the candles lit, so his spirit will soar," Henry explained. "I loved him."

Henry fondly remembers Ober's kind, thoughtful, and generous spirit. She remembers the gifts he made for her nieces and nephews. Most of all, she remembers the time they spent together. She said they would sometimes keep each other's doors open and amuse themselves by referring to their apartments as the west or east wing, as if they lived in a mansion.

Her friend's murder has left Henry sad, shaken, and feeling as if she constantly has to look over her shoulder.

"No one deserves what happened to him," she said. ▼

Police are asking anyone with information to come forward, particularly anyone who may have seen McKinnon during the time Ober was missing. People can call the SFPD homicide department at (415) 553-1145.

Nonoxynol-9

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stores that cater to gay men.

DPH's HIV prevention director, Steven Tierney, told the *San Francisco Examiner* last week that he's not ready to support a ban on N-9 lubricants until more conclusive studies have been done. Tierney said that no tests have been done on men.

When reached by the B.A.R., Tierney said he wasn't aware of the studies that were conducted by the Population Council of New York and by the University of Washington that have shown that N-9 lubricants act as an irritant in the anus. Those studies included men. The University of Washington study specifically looked at gay male couples. The Population Council study has been cited a number of times by the B.A.R. in its extensive coverage of the N-9 issue.

Tierney noted that DPH stopped providing N-9 condoms about a year and a half ago. He added that DPH plans a new educational campaign that will include a warning about the risks of N-9. Tierney said he was concerned that some people would overreact to or misunderstand the N-9 warnings. He said he received two calls from people concerned that they could get HIV from N-9.

DPH's director, Dr. Mitch



DPH's Steven Tierney

Katz, told the B.A.R. that the department supports Leno's legislation. He emphasized that stores that cater to gay men should not sell the product. The health director also echoed Tierney's concern of an overreaction to N-9. Katz cited an *Examiner* story with the headline "Killer Condoms," as an example. Katz said that although people should use condoms or lubricant without N-9, he said it is better to use a condom or lubricant with N-9 than none at all.

Mounting pressure

Meanwhile, the pressure against N-9 got ratcheted up a few notches last week. On Wednesday, September 25, the *Wall Street*

Journal prominently featured an article on the N-9 danger. That story forced an early kickoff to a new push to eliminate N-9 by a coalition of more than 85 scientists and health advocacy organizations.

"We are concerned that many people mistakenly believe that N-9 provides extra protection against HIV and STDs when in fact studies show that N-9 increases risk of infection when it is used rectally," said Lori Heise, director of the Global Campaign for Microbicides, the group spearheading what it termed a "Call to Discontinue N-9 for Rectal Use."

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association issued an "urgent advisory" last week to coincide with the Global Campaign press conference to strongly urge gay men to avoid N-9. The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center also issued a warning last week against N-9.

"Recent research has shown that even small amounts of nonoxynol-9 can cause sloughing of the cell lining of the rectum, potentially increasing one's risk of contracting HIV," said another press conference participant, Dr. Kenneth Mayer, professor of medicine at Brown University and board member of the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Global Campaign organizers said they believe the most expedient route to get N-9 off the market is to put pressure on the manufacturers to stop making it. They

pointed out that no studies have shown any benefits from N-9. Although N-9 is an effective contraceptive, there is no evidence it offers any additional contraceptive benefit when it's in condoms or lubricants, organizers said. They noted that condom manufacturers are not being truthful when they claim in labeling that N-9 condoms offer an additional contraceptive benefit.

One of the press conference's participants was David Mayer, the president and CEO of the Oakland-based Mayer Laboratories. Mayer said he hoped other manufacturers would follow Mayer and other companies that have opted out of N-9. Mayer noted that his sales representatives have already gone to stores in the Castro and offered to exchange his N-9 Aqua Lube product for lube that is N-9 free. Mayer added that his company is formulating a new lubricant that he plans to test rectally to ensure that it does not damage the protective epithelial cells in the rectum of its users.

Heise announced at the press conference that she just got word that the manufacturers of ForPlay and Elbow Grease lubricants plan to stop making N-9 lube. That leaves just Westridge, the maker of ID Plus lube, as the only major manufacturer still making N-9 lube. A representative of Westridge did not return the B.A.R.'s calls seeking comment on the matter. ▼

Campaigns reach out to younger voters

by Matthew S. Bajko

It is a time-honored tradition for people in their 20s who are politically motivated to volunteer as workhorses on political campaigns.

Young people can be found working the phones at almost every campaign headquarters or hitting the streets to drum up support for their favored candidate.

In San Francisco's District 8 supervisor race, one candidate has not only tapped into this fountain of young support, but has made it a hallmark of his campaign. Bevan Duffy, a former aide to Mayor Willie Brown who ran the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, has organized an under-30 committee to help him in his race to fill Mark Leno's seat on the Board of Supervisors. Leno is expected to become the first openly gay man elected to the state Assembly come November.

"It really concerned me that only 7 percent of the people who voted in the March election in District 8 were under 30. To me it was a sign the campaigns were not engaging younger people and that traditional politics turns them off," said the openly gay Duffy. "When I decided not to take contributions over \$100, I thought younger people would be interested."

Duffy began his effort to attract a younger electorate to the race in June, showing up at various nightclubs popular with young gay men. While his efforts certainly boost his name recognition among this age set, he said his primary goal is to get younger people registered to vote.

"It is not a strategy to just get votes. I want to contribute to the process," he said. "Running for office is a fairly self-promoting thing to do. I intend to give back of myself."

Another candidate in the race, out lesbian Eileen Hansen, has also made it a priority to engage younger voters in her campaign. While her efforts may not be as visible as Duffy's are, she said she has always been interested in reaching out to younger voters.

"From the very beginning of my campaign I have talked about how to get people to vote," said Hansen, a nonprofit consultant with a background in AIDS public



District 8 candidate Bevan Duffy, left, registers Bevin Shamel during a voter registration campaign for those under 30.

policy. "We are also very interested in bringing younger and older people together in the campaign to do the work."

In August, Hansen attended a get-out-the-vote event aimed at younger voters that was held in Golden Gate Park. She said her campaign was the only one from District 8 present at the event.

"I was there and spoke yet I am seen as the person who doesn't have an under-30 focus," she said.

Not to be outdone by his opponents, candidate Tom Radulovich, an openly gay BART board member and transit consultant, has also popped up at late night spots popular with the under-30 crowd. He recently showed up at one of the Stud's Trannyshack nights and his friends hosted a drag show benefit during last weekend's Folsom Street Fair.

But unlike his opponents, who are both in their 40s, the 35-year-old Radulovich said he is more focused on people his own age.

"I haven't done a youth focus specifically. Hopefully, the campaign reflects a sensibility of Generation X," he said. "In going to Trannyshack, these are my people of the queer generation, not so much the gay generation."

Along with canvassing the city's gay nightspots, Duffy's team of under-30 supporters have been hosting cocktail mixers to attract their peers, register them to vote and talk up their candidate.

"I would not be involved in the

race if he wasn't running," said Gerry Morales, a 27-year-old resident of Glen Park, who volunteered to be a precinct captain in his neighborhood for Duffy.

Through his under-30 focus, Duffy garnered the support of Gloss publisher Bevin Shamel, who has endorsed the candidate in the pages of his bi-weekly magazine and co-hosted one of the committee's events.

"This is my first time to register to vote," said the 29-year-old

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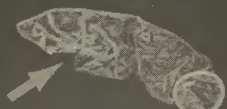
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Nat'l Depression Screening Day is Oct. 10

by Bob Roehr

Depressed, down in the dumps, the blues—everyone feels that way from time to time, it's only natural. But sometimes it is more than just a part of life; for one-in-five American adults it can be a clinical illness called depression, or an associated disorder, and you can get help.

National Depression Screening Day, which takes place next Thursday, October 10, has become an annual event where nearly 2,000 sites offer free screening, education, and referral on depression. You can find a site near you by calling 1-800-520-6373 or online at www.mentalhealthscreening.org.

Last year 90,000 people took advantage of the offer. The five most common symptoms they reported were:

- difficulty doing things done in the past,
- feeling hopeless about the future,
- difficulty in making decisions,

- feeling worthless and not needed, and
- no longer enjoying once enjoyable activities.

Depression can hit anyone, at any age, and LGBT people may be more vulnerable. A recent study by Jay Paul at the University of California, San Francisco found that 12 percent of gay and bisexual men have attempted suicide in their lifetime, a rate three times higher than the overall rate for American adult males.

"These rates are staggering, and highlight the cost of pervasive anti-gay stigmatization and victimization," said Paul. Equally as troubling is the finding that as kids are coming out at an earlier age, their attempts at suicide are beginning earlier.

The peak of depression for young adults is in the later teenage years, wrote Lynne Lamberg in the September 18 edition of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Suicide is the third leading cause of death in this age group.

Depression contributes to a

low self-image, which increases the use of alcohol and illegal drugs, which often feeds on itself in a spiral of risk-taking activity that can include unsafe sex and the risk of becoming infected with HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Another form that depression can take is called seasonal affective disorder, a biochemical reaction of the body to the shortening days of fall and winter and the more limited amount of sunlight. Many people find that strong sun lamps and other therapies can help.

Depression is associated with other serious illness and life-changing trauma, as one faces the prospect of their mortality. Some medications, such as interferon, have a side effect of worsening underlying depression.

Relief from depression can take the form of antidepressant medications and behavioral therapy, used alone or in combination. But the first step is to identify the problem. And that can be made easier on October 10. ▼

Jenkins

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income housing—will bring in property taxes to pay for much-needed city services, said Jenkins.

Enticing businesses to the district—particularly those that promise to hire from within the community—can only clean up the streets, empower neighbors, and reduce crime, he believes.

And rallying behind public power, he said, is simply "following the law" that designates Hetch Hetchy as a source not to be corrupted by corporations like Pacific Gas and Electric.

Jenkins is also concerned about low voter turnout in his district

and District 10, where Supervisor Sophie Maxwell is running unopposed.

"Some people in her district won't go out to vote because they figure she'll win anyway," said Jenkins, "but there are important ballot initiatives that need to be voted on."

Jenkins is kicking off a "get out the vote" drive this Saturday, October 5 at his campaign office at 240 Taylor Street. He also plans to host weekly Friday fundraisers at his office at 153 Duboce to "keep the excitement going."

This is Jenkins's second run for supervisor; he ran two years ago in a pool of candidates that included incumbent Supervisor Chris Daly. This time around

Jenkins has thus far been endorsed by Lesbian and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action; Plan C; the Ron Brown Democratic Club; the Barbara Jordan Democratic Club; The Tenants' Association Coalition; and the Manor Advocates.

He is running again, he said, because "I still see the same problems we had before."

"We need balanced growth, economic development, jobs, and housing," said Jenkins. "The current board isn't addressing the issues that would benefit everybody." ▼

Jenkins's campaign phone number is 877-737-2826.

Strunsky

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portant thing you can do is return phone calls," he said. "Whether someone has a problem or is just interested. I think that Chris Daly misses that point."

Daly's apparent disinterest in residents or voters who did not vote for him or who aren't politically aligned makes him an "ineffective representative," Strunsky said. He declined comment on an incident involving Daly and a popular Tenderloin cafe owner who Daly allegedly snubbed when

the man attempted to discuss the impact of crime on his business in the area with the elected official.

"He should be representing everyone," Strunsky suggested. "He acts as a divider rather than a unifier."

Although Strunsky supports the controversial Care Not Cash measure on the November ballot, he said that there are system-wide problems with the local public benefits system that spends more than an estimated \$100 million a year with no coordination of services, little accountability, and no way of interpreting the effectiveness of expenditures.

He also called for a separate court—similar to the specialized drug court—to handle infractions such as public drunkenness, urination, and other urban quality of life issues.

He also calls for more mixed use and affordable housing development.

A native San Franciscan, the 32-year-old Strunsky served as a White House intern during the early part of the Clinton administration. ▼

For more info, visit burke@strunskyforsupervisor.org

Younger voters

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Shamel.

Daniel Roddick, chair of the under-30 committee, met Duffy during a lunch his father, a former president of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professional Association, set up earlier this summer.

"I didn't know which candidate I wanted to support until I met Bevan," said the 26-year-old Roddick, who grew up in Noe Valley and is in the teaching credential program at San Francisco State University. "His personal character and his professional experience I thought made him a very good candidate and that is why I decided to work on his campaign."

So far the committee has registered more than 200 voters since it formed. And as the race nears Election Day, the group's focus has turned to going out to different

neighborhoods to draw attention to Duffy's campaign.

"We create visibility and Bevan gets to meet more people and find out the concerns of different people," said Roddick. "We talk to people about Bevan, why we want people to vote for Bevan."

Not everyone believes Duffy's under-30 efforts are a service to the district.

"It's like Crest handing out toothpaste in the school system. I find it very patronizing," said Cynthia Wides, a 26-year-old volunteer on Hansen's campaign. "I don't necessarily appreciate being targeted that way. Eileen's approach is more comfortable and more realistic. I connect to that and I learn from it."

Having known Hansen through the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center, Wides said she is confident Hansen will be a strong advocate for people under 30, especially queer youth. And while Hansen's

campaign may not have a separate under-30 committee, she said that does not mean it is not attracting support from younger voters.

"There are a lot of people under 30 and tons of people with a lot of experience" working on the campaign, said Wides. "I learn from their experience and they get my MTV generation experience."

"I do think it is more about connecting people whose voices haven't been listened to than per se targeting one audience. If there is a target it is people who have been disenfranchised to a degree. And I know I definitely have felt that as a younger person," added Wides.

It remains to be seen if any of the campaigns' under-30 efforts will result in a greater number of young voters at the polls in November than those who voted in March. As for Duffy, his efforts may already have paid off to some degree—he won the San Francisco Young Democrats' endorsement. ▼

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Steven is survived by: Daniel Alm his beloved husband, Osker the dog-cat, the Barnetts of Los Angeles: sisters Christy and Gloria, father Norbert, stepmom Irene.

Local family: John Gipple, Vicki and Haley, Vamp Bella Donna, Christopher Cloud, Tom Hagemann, and Matthew Mc Dearnid, among others.

He joins his beloved mother Socorro in rest, and will be missed as greatly as he loved.

"Good night sweet prince, and may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest." Hey girl hey!

For October 13 wake information, please email: thage2@earthlink.net or phone 621-5569.

Alfred Cox



Alfred "Alan" Cox died in his home on August 4, 2002 in peace, and surrounded by his loving partner, Howard, caregivers/angels Mike, Cesar and Adam, and friends. He had suffered and struggled with Parkinson's disease for the past 17 years.

Alan was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts on August 14, 1925 and lived most of his life on Cape Cod, in New York City and in San Francisco. He

was an accomplished artist, having attended the Parson's School of Design. As a result of his one-man shows, particularly in Philadelphia, his acrylic paintings are in private collections in South Africa, France, Israel and throughout the United States.

In 1926 he met Howard Hart, with whom he shared a full and rich life for more than 39 years, creating a home and family with many friends even during the final stages of the disease.

We will remember Alan for his sharp wit, dazzling smile, sensitive nature and words of wisdom. His memory will live on in those who knew and loved him and in his far-flung artwork.

A Remembrance and Celebration of his Life was held on August 5. Any gift to the Michael J. Fox foundation for Parkinson's Research would be a fitting tribute to him. The Foundation may be contacted at Grand Central Station, Post Office Box 4777, New York, NY 10163.

Paul C. Gloss

Paul died on September 16, of a heart attack. he was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 1, 1941, and was the son of Dr. Albert and Sophie Gloss. Paul was a 1959 graduate of Appleton High School. He had a varied career in design, theater and window display for Sak's Fifth Avenue and Henri Bendel's in New York, and Joseph Magnin and Macy's here in San Francisco where he made his home in the Bayview district.

He will be sadly missed by his sister Mary (John) Simon, nieces Tracey (Steve) Nimmer, Kari (Brian) DuBois, Andrea Peeters, Kate Ashman and all of his many friends and neighbors here in the city.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents and a nephew, John Keating.

In lieu of flowers we ask that you please remember Paul in your thoughts and prayers. Paul lived his life as the song says: "I did it my way."

Frank James Thomas

Frank James Thomas passed peacefully on September 10, 2002 in San Francisco, California. A warm, fun-loving soul whose many passions included music, friendships and his close family ties. Frank was born July 5th, 1965, in Berkeley, California, and was the youngest of four children.

Frank James Thomas is survived by



his mother, Mazie Willis; brother, Eddie Willis; sister, Karyn Thomas; and two nieces, Allyssa Villanueva and Saarena Johnson, all of Oakland, California. Frank will truly be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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ISNA director Cheryl Chase to resign

by Liz Highleyman

Cheryl Chase, the founder and executive director of the Intersex Society of North America, has announced that she will retire from the position by the end of the year.

Chase created ISNA in 1993 as an advocacy group for intersexed individuals. The organization is dedicated to ending the shame and secrecy of those born an indeterminate sex or with sexual anatomy that features both male and female characteristics.

ISNA, based in Petaluma, in Sonoma County, has worked to educate the public as well as professionals about intersex issues. One of the group's key goals is to bring about change within the medical community, which still routinely practices "corrective" surgery on girls and boys with atypical genitals or reproductive organs – although that has begun to change due to the work of intersex activists. ISNA estimates that five children undergo sexual surgeries for intersex conditions every day. In many cases such children are never informed about their medical histories, and their surgeries may affect their sexual functioning as adults.

ISNA aims to put the long-term needs of intersex people first, rather than those of embarrassed and confused parents or doctors influenced by tradition and societal prejudices.

"After nearly 10 years, I am unspeakably proud of the work ISNA has accomplished in our efforts to build a world free of shame, secrecy, and unwanted genital surgeries," said Chase. "I look to the future knowing that ISNA will continue to impact public education and medical policy with its patient-centered system of care."

Chase – and later ISNA – shed new light on intersex issues, which



ISNA founder Cheryl Chase

were rarely heard about outside of medical contexts even a decade ago.

ISNA has given intersex people a voice, noted ISNA board chair Alice Dreger. "Now when people hear about intersex, they hear directly from people living with intersex."

Chase has been widely featured in the media, including *Newsweek*, the *New York Times*, National Public Radio, and NBC. In 1997 she produced *Hermaphrodites Speak!*, the first documentary in which intersex people speak about their own experiences. She has spoken widely on intersex issues and has advised the National In-

stitutes of Health on intersex research. Chase's work has been published in several medical journals. In 2000 she won the Felipa de Souza Human Rights Award.

"Cheryl Chase put intersex issues on the map," said local author and ISNA board member Thea Hillman. "Cheryl's gift of being able to brilliantly and compassionately explain what we all have at stake has meant that the intersex movement has been able to find allies within the GLBT, human rights, and children's rights movements, as well as within the medical establishment and academia. Cheryl brought the word 'intersex' into our daily lives, helping to end the silence and make more difficult the medicalization and erasure of people born with bodies that don't fit within the sexual norms."

ISNA is currently seeking a new executive director to build on the organization's strengths and help expand its programs. ▼

For more information about ISNA and the executive director job, see www.isna.org.

ISNA benefit Friday

by Liz Highleyman

This Friday, October 4, the Harvey Milk Institute and Black Books present "Rated XXXY," an evening of erotica and education benefiting the Intersex Society of North America.

The benefit, produced by local author and activist Thea Hillman, will feature spoken word performances reflecting intersex experiences, an auction, and more. Performers will include Hillman, Solidad De Costa, Emi Koyama, Les Milstein, Shorona se

Mbessakwini, and Hida Viloria. Fairy Butch Karlyn Lotney will emcee.

ISNA's mission includes raising awareness about intersex issues and changing harmful medical practices. The organization estimates that each day in the United States five babies receive unnecessary cosmetic surgery to normalize their ambiguous genitals.

Rated XXXY will take place from 7-9 p.m. in the LGBT Community Center Ceremonial Room, 1800 Market Street. Sliding scale \$10-50. To purchase tickets in advance call (707) 636-0420. ▼

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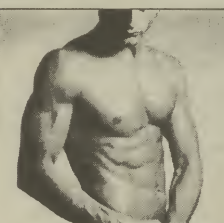
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Kit off it

by Jim Provenzano

With Gay Games VI less than a month away, the rhetorical question must be answered: Just how gay-friendly are those Aussies?

Some attention has been raised about a rash of anti-gay attacks earlier this year by Aussie rugby players. A study of homophobia in the land down under revealed a disconcerting level of anti-gay feelings from the rabble up to some arch-conservative politicians.

Yet overall, it's quite apparent that the culture as a whole is rather laissez-faire when it comes to personal lives. Several provinces have added non-discrimination laws, domestic partnership laws, and activists are fighting for equal age of consent laws.

But Sydney's gay Oxford Street District has suffered a bit of targeting by police, who have repeatedly done sniffer dog raids of Oxford Street nightclubs.

Blocking exits while patrons were searched for drugs, the raids netted only 25 arrests of casual drug users out of thousands detained and searched in one week. Similar raids took place in Kings Cross and other areas.

Assistant Police Commissioner Dick Adams told the *Sydney Star Observer* that the nightclub crackdown was part of the NSW police force's series of high visibility "Vikings operations," broadly targeting "anti-social behaviour" across the city.

Gay activists have called it a "massive failure" and a complete waste of public funds.

The stern lesson? Take your party drugs at your hotel or hosted housing. Free hosted housing slots are now filled, but low-cost accommodations are still available.

The hosted housing contractor, Queershare.com, can also provide you with a range of budget accommodation options starting from \$38 (Aus.) per person per night.

For accommodation inquiries and bookings, please contact: www.QueerShare.com, host@sydney2002.org.au, or visit www.sydne2002.org.au.

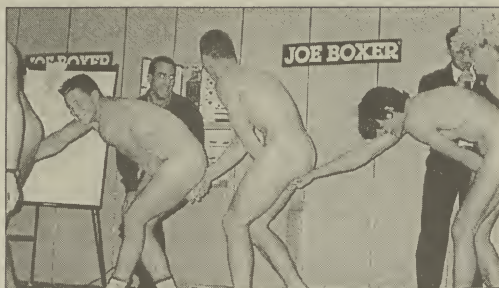
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Giant tight end

Will Gay Games aid the cause of gay athletics? Even the eloquent alleged tell-not-all by *Out* editor Brendan Lemon's mystery date hasn't helped quell the hoopla over gay athletes in pro sports. The media continues to ignore the hundreds of thousands of GLBT out athletes in rec league sports, but at least amplified the latest comments by foot-in-mouth diseased jocks.

The Rocker of the Month Award goes to New York Giants tight end Jeremy Shockey, who on Howard Stern's Sept. 10 radio show, blabbed, "If I knew there was a gay guy on my college football team, I probably wouldn't, you know, stand for it. You know, I think, you know, they're going to be in the shower with us and stuff, so I don't think that's gonna work. That's not gonna work, you know?"

On September 26, Shockey



Hunks sans trunks: Australia's Western Bulldogs form a cute queue.

backpedaled, "I guess I do regret saying it. I didn't think anyone was going to make a big deal out of it. I'm not prejudiced against anybody's beliefs or what they do in their off time."

But in their on-time, they can't be gay near him and his soapy bent-over ass. Thanks, Jeremy. We really appreciate your tolerance. Now what do you think of your teammate, underwear model Jason Sehorn?



Sports Complex

Rugger hugger

If naked Aussie jocks aren't "Shockey"ing to you, you might want to visit www.shirtlessafl.com.

A bevy of hunky pics

of Australian rugby players can be found there, including some racy snapshots of players engaged in a fun strip show for the ladies of their fan clubs (and a few men), particularly the Western Bulldogs and the Hawthorn Hawks. If you're not familiar with the time-honored "Elephant Walk," you owe yourself a perusal of these hunks in and out of trunks.

Some clubs have a great attitude to gay fans. Collingwood has a gay supporters club. Sydney players have done advertisements against homophobia. The AFL realizes that a lot of gays follow AFL, whether they're clothed or not.

Aisle seat

Nude Australians are all the rage. "The Full Monty" was not on the bill at Roseville Cinemas but that is what movie patrons saw when 40 naked schoolboys romped through recently during an end-of-year prank last week.

Male students from Barker College at Hornsby (near Sydney) have been blamed but the school is unable to confirm or deny their involvement because it is locked in a legal wrangle with the cinema.

Co-owner Lisa van Pinxteren, said she "had groups of boys coming in at different stages, undressed or undressing, and asking to buy tickets. It was part of their treasure hunt." The randy show-all security video has yet to be released.

"The reason we're so upset is because we've built up a reputation for this place being secure and safe. Having nude boys in the foyer is really not what we want." Speak for yourself!

Dress up

Team SF members who prefer to be seen clothed can volunteer for uniform packaging in preparation for the first distribution day on Saturday, October 5. If you are able to assist on Friday, October 4 at 7 p.m., please send an e-mail to uniforms@teamsf.org.

Team San Francisco's new online store is up and running at www.teamsf.org/store.htm.

"When we introduced our new shirt design at our last meeting," said Team SF's Ross Hayduk, "we sold 64 shirts in less than 3 hours! By purchasing online, you can guarantee your limited edition Team SF/Sydney 2002 shirt to wear during the Opening Ceremonies."

Accessories make the athlete. Bay Area leaders of the Federation of Gay Games and the Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee (BASOC), the organization leading the Bay Area's bid to host the 2012 Olympic Games, will team up on October 12 in the Castro to sell collectible pins for both Gay Games and the Olympics. Visit www.gaygames.com.

Showtime

Speaking of pins, you only have a few weeks left to see *PINS*, New Conservatory Theatre Center's stage adaptation of my wrestling novel. Visit www.nctcsf.org for info.

Got a Gay Games or GLBT sports announcement? Right here, mates: jimproven@yahoo.com, or visit www.sportscomplex.org.

Terpsi-corps

On Friday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m., the Metronome Ballroom will present its first-ever Gay Games "Going for Gold" dance benefit. This benefit will support professional and amateur dancers representing the U.S. at the 2002 Gay Games in Sydney, Australia November 1-9. For more than 20 years the Gay Games has inspired LGBT and straight people to put forth their best.

The Going for Gold showcase includes dazzling performances by World Exhibition Champions. Proceeds from the benefit will help support the dancers' airfare, hotel, and costume expenses. And you know those clothes ain't cheap! Tickets can be purchased at the Metronome Ballroom by calling (415) 252-9000.

Huddle up

Football season is upon us and the San Francisco Shockwaves has started its season. Gather each Saturday at 10 a.m. at Dolores Park, 18th and Church streets. Break out the sunscreen and get your cleats on. The San Francisco Shockwaves are the city's gay and lesbian flag football team. Web site: www.sfs shockwaves.com. E-mail: sfs shockwaves@hotmail.com.

Iron ladies (& laddies)

For information on volleyball in the South Bay, check out the South Bay Volleyball Club's Web site: www.extra.newsguy.com/~sbvb-club/ or e-mail: sbvb-core@yahogroups.com. The club is a nonprofit organization that welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and supportive straight folks in the San Francisco and San Jose areas. ▼

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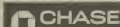
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AIDS march draws hundreds

by Liz Highleyman

Nearly 400 activists marched on Saturday, September 28 in Washington, D.C. to demand that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund cancel the debt of poor countries—a debt that is crippling developing economies and taking money away from desperately needed health care.

Demonstrators represented ACT UP, the Student Global AIDS Campaign, Health GAP, Jubilee USA, the Global AIDS Alliance, and others concerned with debt relief and funding for AIDS prevention and treatment in poor countries.

The demonstration began in front of the U.S. Treasury building to call attention to the fact that the U.S. government drives World Bank/IMF policies.

"The World Bank and IMF are hazardous to global health," said Salih Booker from Africa Action. According to Booker, the World Bank and IMF require poor countries to impose user fees for health care and demand that debt repayment take precedence over health. "Health care is a global human right," declared Booker. "We must use global wealth for global health."

Dembe Demele from Senegal decried World Bank/IMF structural adjustment programs that force developing countries to spend their resources on debt service rather than on the needs of their people. Many African countries spend more to pay interest on existing debts than they receive in new international aid.

Chanting "Donate the dollars, drop the debt, treat the people," the spirited protesters marched to the Washington Monument to join a rally of thousands protesting the negative effects of globalization.

John Bell of ACT UP/Philadelphia spoke from the main stage of the large rally. Bell presented the activists' demands including immediate debt cancellation to free up money to pay for HIV treatment and prevention and a U.S. donation of \$2.5 billion for global AIDS funding.

"We cannot give the IMF, the World Bank, and the Bush administration a choice in these life and death decisions," said Bell. "They must do what the people need."

An estimated 7,500 protesters were in Washington, D.C. last weekend during the annual meeting of World Bank/IMF delegates to call for global justice and democratic participation in economic decision-making. During a "People's Strike" last Friday, more than 600 demonstrators were arrested, most for gathering without a permit in a park near the White House.

On Saturday IMF finance ministers directed the fund to draft a new policy allowing developing nations with "unmanageable debt" to declare bankruptcy. U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill expressed support for the new policy, which faces opposition from large banks and other lenders; the IMF is expected to consider the draft at its April 2003 meeting. ▼

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

VACANCY NOTICE

The Graffiti Advisory Board has openings. The Board shall have the duty to: submit to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor a report every six months on graffiti as it affects neighborhoods and the downtown area of San Francisco; advise about the coordination of information, activities and goals among existing programs funded by the City and County and privately sponsored programs; and advise about improving the efficiency in the provision of graffiti enforcement, prevention and clean-up services.

All applicants must be residents of San Francisco, unless otherwise stated. Interested persons may obtain an application form from the Clerk of the Rules Committee, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102. Additional information and an application may be obtained by accessing the city's web site: [HYPERLINK http://www.sfgov.org/hdsuprv/vacancies](http://www.sfgov.org/hdsuprv/vacancies)

OPEN HOUSE for National Fire Prevention Week

Saturday October 12, 2002 - 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

An Open House for the public to tour neighborhood Fire Stations and receive information on earthquake preparedness and fire/life safety. (Fire Safety brochures will be available at all stations during the week of October 6-12)

Fire stations will distribute Junior Fire Marshall plastic helmets, coloring books, and other gifts to the children. For adults, firefighters will offer free blood pressure checks. Supplies are limited and will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis. Bring the whole family! Your local firefighters will show your children how to draw a home escape plan, teach them what to do in case of a fire, and show them the fire engine or truck. Don't forget to ask the firefighters about NERT, the Fire Department's earthquake preparedness program, about the Fire Department's Youth Fishing Program, and FLAME, the Fire Department's Youth Athletic League Program.

The San Francisco Fire Department will continue to fulfill their mission in answering emergency calls during the Open House. In the event the Fire House you choose to visit is closed, come back after the team has returned from their call.

For more information, call Community Affairs, at (415) 558-3422.

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Poster Contest on Water Conservation for Elementary School Children: SPUC is sponsoring a poster contest on the theme of water conservation. The contest is open to elementary grade students in Grades 2 through 5 in both public and private schools throughout San Francisco. All entries will be on display.

Renewable Energy Invention Contest for Middle School Students: Middle school students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 who attend either private or public schools in San Francisco are invited to enter the second annual Renewable Energy Invention Contest. Models of inventions are due Monday, October 14 by 5 p.m. to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, 425 Mason St., 4th Flr., San Francisco.

First place prize wins \$300, second prize wins \$200, and third prize \$100, each to student and teacher. Inventions must utilize solar, fuel cells, wind and any other forms of renewable energy.

Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., will award cash prizes and certificates to winners at the Nature by Design Trade Show on Sunday, October 27 at 12:45 p.m. at City Hall.

For more information, including Rules for both Contests, call 415-923-2474.

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STATEMENT FILE 0260733-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Echos Hair Design, 211 Sutter Street 7th Fl. San Francisco, Ca. 94108. This business is conducted by an husband and wife signed Eduardo A. Lazo and Kukhi Lazo. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on September 9, 2002. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 09/09/2002.

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STATEMENT FILE 0260190-00

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STATEMENT FILE 0260693-00

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STATEMENT FILE 0260841-00

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STATEMENT FILE 0260711-00

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STATEMENT FILE 0260860-00

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SEPT. 19, 26, OCT. 3, 10, 2002

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO FILE NO. CNC02-540454

In the Matter of the Application of James Allen Malone. For change of Name. The application of James Allen Malone for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that James Allen Malone has filed an application proposing that his/her name be changed to (The name is confidential and is on record with the secretary of state). Now therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 18th day of November at 9:00 a.m., of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.

SEPT. 19, 26, OCT. 3, 10, 2002

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO FILE NO. CNC02-540441

In the Matter of the Application of Mohamed-Ali Jaoua. For change of Name. The application of Mohamed-Ali Jaoua for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that Mohamed-Ali Jaoua has filed an application proposing that his/her name be changed to Alexander Jawa. Now therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 7th day of November at 9:00 a.m., of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.

SEPT. 19, 26, OCT. 3, 10, 2002

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

To Whom It May Concern: The Name of the Applicant(s) is: Liquid Assets Incorporated. The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverages Control at: 185 Berry Street, suite #5600 San Francisco, Ca. 94107, to sell alcoholic beverages at: 335 Powell Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94102. Type of license Applied for:

20-OFF-SALE BEER AND WINE SEPT. 19, 26, OCT. 3, 2002

STATEMENT FILE 0261009-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: One Time, 808 Potrero Avenue, San Francisco, Ca. 94110. This business is conducted by an individual signed Aaron Lozada. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on September 19, 2002. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 09/19/2002.

SEPT. 26, OCT. 3, 10, 17, 2002

STATEMENT FILE 0260941-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: DKKP, 808 Potrero Avenue, San Francisco, Ca. 94110. This business is conducted by an individual signed Paul R. Lozada. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on September 17, 2002. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 09/17/2002.

SEPT. 26, OCT. 3, 10, 17, 2002

STATEMENT FILE 0260999-00

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STATEMENT FILE 259728

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STATEMENT FILE 0261028-00

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SEPT. 26, OCT. 3, 10, 17, 2002

STATEMENT FILE 0261043-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: The Outbacks, 2123 Castro Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94131. This business is conducted by an individual signed Richard Alpert. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on September 1, 2002. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 09/20/2002.

SEPT. 26, OCT. 3, 10, 17, 2002

STATEMENT FILE 0260420-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: National Product, 1845 Market Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94102. This business is conducted by an individual signed Douglas A. Domonkos. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on N/A. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 08/26/2002.

SEPT. 26, OCT. 3, 10, 17, 2002

STATEMENT FILE 0260420-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: National Product, 1845 Market Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94102. This business is conducted by an individual signed Douglas A. Domonkos. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on N/A. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 08/26/2002.

SEPT. 26, OCT. 3, 10, 17, 2002

STATEMENT FILE 0261037-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: All About Me Photographic Services, 84 Jennings Court San Francisco, Ca. 94124. This business is conducted by an individual signed David G. Ingram. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on September 20, 2002. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 09/20/2002.

SEPT. 26, OCT. 3, 10, 17, 2002

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO FILE NO. CNC02-540421

In the Matter of the Application of Leila Mozelle Marie Brown. For change of Name. The application of Leila Mozelle Marie Brown for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that Leila Mozelle Marie Brown has filed an application proposing that his/her name be changed to Leila Mozelle Marie Djermouli. Now therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 21st day of October at 9:00 a.m., of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.

SEPT. 26, OCT. 3, 10, 17, 2002

STATEMENT FILE 0260891-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Continental Mail Co, 537 Jones Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94102. This business is conducted by an individual signed David Edward White. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on September 13, 2002. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 09/13/2002.

OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2002

STATEMENT FILE 0261220-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Chutney, 511-Jones Street San Francisco, Ca. 94102. This business is conducted by a general partnership signed Mohammad A. Bajwa and Arif Zahir. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on September 27, 2002. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 09/27/2002.

OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2002

STATEMENT FILE 0261212-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Van Ness Auto Body, 74 12th Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94112. This business is conducted by a general partnership signed Tony Feng and Stanley Zhu. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on September 25, 2002. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 09/27/2002.

OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2002

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO FILE NO. CNC02-540459

In the Matter of the Application of Hnin Soe Moe. For change of Name. The application of Hnin Soe Moe for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that Hnin Soe Moe has filed an application proposing that his/her name be changed to Mabel Soe Moe. Now therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 25th day of November at 9:00 a.m., of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.

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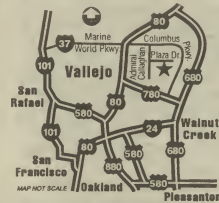
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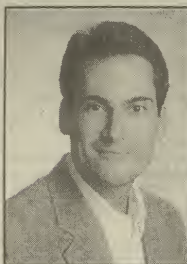
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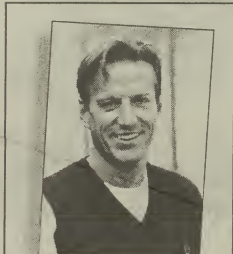
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Harry Langdon

He knows all about homophobia.

Tony Curtis, gloves off

Speaking
his mind in SF

by Richard Dodds

Some like it hard, and some like it soft," Tony Curtis likes to say. The star of a touring musical based on *Some Like It Hot* had an additional comment: "Homosexual. Heterosexual. It's all just such bull-shit."

The 77-year-old actor was bemoaning the "big megillah" that society makes of sexual differences. "If there was any case of that," he said of any significant differences among orientations, "then why is it that every one of us jerked off when we were kids? I rest my case."

He knows what it's like to be the target of homophobia, even if his preferences are clearly heterosexual. "The first thing they would say when I started in the movies was that I was — excuse the vernacular — a fag or a fairy," Curtis said during a recent interview at the Fairmont Hotel. "That was as if to demean me. 'Look how good-looking he is. He's probably a fag.' You know, I heard this all the time, so I became cognizant of it very early."

He heard it even before his Hollywood start in 1949, as a gigolo opposite Yvonne DeCarlo in *Criss Cross*. "My parents were Hungarian Jews," Curtis continued, "and as a kid, as soon as the other kids would find out I was Jewish and because of the way I looked, I was in trouble instantly. I was afraid of getting beat up out on the streets. I didn't want anybody to hit my face."

In these less benighted times, and despite the fact that Curtis is several times a grandfather, he's still the target of homophobic innuendoes. "There was a guy on the radio — how

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Inviting your inspection

by Adam Sandel



Gay San
Francisco
artists
open their
studios

24-year-old artist
Rene Capone makes
his Open Studios
debut this year.

One of San Francisco's premiere cultural events is Open Studios, a month-long event where more than 750 artists open their studios to the public. During the four weekends in October, Bay Area residents and visitors have the chance to view and purchase art ranging from painting and sculpture to furniture, glass, photography and jewelry.

Savvy collectors see Open Studios as an opportunity to buy the work of

emerging artists (and get an early start on holiday shopping) at far below gallery prices. Those who seek to merely indulge their senses see the event as a chance to experience the rich variety of art being created in San Francisco.

In addition to showings at individual artist's studios, on October 12 and 13 the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Artist Alliance will present an exhibition at the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy featuring the work of 15 gay artists.

"I wanted to be in a group that was creating a variety of types of art," says photographer Ron Saunders, who joined SFGSLAA two years ago and will be showing his work at this year's exhibition.

A New York native and landscape architect, Saunders became passionate about photography after relocating to the Bay Area 20 years ago. While the subjects of his photographs range from nudes to landscapes, his focus has shifted

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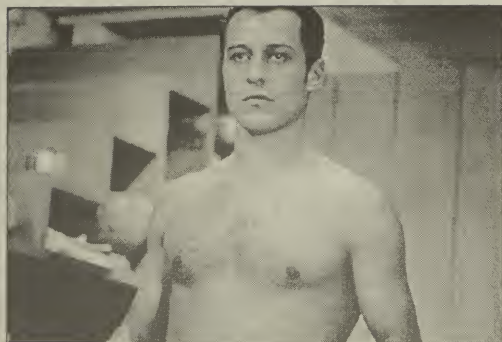
by Roberto Friedman
and Indie Penny Mewes

Last Saturday night at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland, legendary rocker **Elvis Costello** did not neglect his anti-war anthems, including "Shipbuilding" (from *Thatcher's Falklands War*) and "What's So Funny About Peace, Love, and Understanding?" The crowd in the art-deco palace, singing along with the title plaint, clearly agreed.



Frank Black-letter day in SF

Bald rocker **Frank Black** complained at **Johnny Foley's** Cellar on O'Farrell Sunday night that the trouble with playing an Irish bar was that one started drinking Guinness at four in the afternoon. Yet Black managed to belt out a two-hour set, laying claim to old **Pixies** standards while not neglecting the present tense ("Hey there, bartender/ Can I owe you the cash?/ 'Cause the end of the world/ Well, it came in a flash.") Out There is pleased to leak word

Stefano Accorsi is "the other woman" in Ferzan Ozpetek's *His Secret Life*

of a new musical on the Pixies phenomenon, *Teenager of the Year*, slated to debut in Austin, Texas, in 2003.

Beck undergoes a *Sea Change*

Even **Beck**, on his misunderstood new album *Sea Change*, grooves into the new millennial milieu. "I'm tired of fighting, I'm tired of fighting for a lost cause," Beck sings in a mature voice. Call it the first chorus of a new antiwar generation.

local art-house.

Former UNSCOM inspector **Scott Ritter** will appear at the Roxie Cinema on Sun., Oct. 13, for Q&A after 3 & 6 p.m. screenings of his film *In Shifting Sands*. The US theatrical premiere of this feature-length documentary about Iraq's weapons capacity seems pretty compelling, as we're right on the brink of war over the issue. Subtitled *The Truth About UNSCOM and the Disarming of*



Ritter appears at Roxie

Secrets and lies

We've pretty much given up on Hollywood movies (*Tuck Everlasting*: is that the new **RuPaul** biopic?), but there are a few independent films still playing in local theatres that pique our interest, despite negligible press coverage. See 'em while they're still here.

His Secret Life is the story of an upper-class widow in Rome who finds out that her dear departed husband kept a male lover for years. She seeks him out and discovers a working-class, gay world she never knew. If it all sounds awfully heartfelt, it was directed by **Ferzan Ozpetek**, the Istanbul-born, Italian-bred filmmaker responsible for *Steam: The Turkish Bath* (1997). Now playing at a

Out There

Iraq, the film has attendant credibility due to Ritter's first-hand knowledge of weapons sites and inspection procedures. He says the threat of Iraq's having weapons of mass destruction has been overplayed, even misrepresented during Operation Desert Storm (opened 1991). Also screens every Sat. & Sun. at Noon. Roxie, 3117 16th St., SF.

Full-court press

ACT Artistic Director **Carey Perloff's** inspired choice for ACT's opening attraction, **Tom Stoppard's** 1978 play *Night and Day*, concerning war correspondents covering a rebellion in post-colonial Africa, was fun for the many presses in the audience, a

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Tennessee, tenuously

Eastenders' 'Eight X Tenn' falls short

by Richard Dodds

Amibitions often outstripped abilities as Eastenders Repertory Company launched its fourth annual one-act festival with an all-Tennessee Williams program. Still, there were moments on the opening night of *Eight X Tenn* when the ingredients pulled together to suggest something more than awkward recitation, uncertain characterizations and direction, and fumbled lines.

In Series A, part of three programs presented in rotating repertory, the focus is on Williams' early one-act plays. Of the four plays presented on opening night, *Hello from Bertha*, set in the bedroom of a St. Louis brothel, proved the most effective. Veneita Porter plays Bertha, an ailing prostitute, with effectively anguished confusion. Valerie Weak also scores with a natural portrayal of a sympathetic colleague. The emotional core of the piece is often revealed in Robert A. Zick's direction.

There is also some success in *A Perfect Analysis Given by a Parrot*, thanks to actresses Suzan A. Kendall and Weak. This amusing pair plays lady conventioners who stumble into a St. Louis bar looking for some action, and end up trading insults over beer. Director Joe Weatherby oddly has the actresses play most of their

Sarah Korda and Adam Chipkin in *Moony's Kid Don't Cry*.

lines directly to the audience. But this stylized choice was less distracting than Joseph Leonardi's waiter, who spent much of the time fixing his bowtie after making a late entrance.

It is more difficult to find praiseworthy components in *The Lady of Larkspur Lotion*, particularly afflicted with dialogue missteps and unfocused direction by Weatherby. Madeline Lacques-Aranda wanly plays a forerunner of Blanche DuBois, Porter her impatient landlady, and Leonardi an alcoholic writer from across the hall.

Moony's Kid Don't Cry, directed

ed by Susan E. Evans, found little believable life in Adam Chipkin and Sarah Korda's performances as an unhappy blue-collar couple dealing with a baby. The basic rhythms and reactions that should occur between characters could not be found.

The other components of *Eight X Tenn*, continuing through Oct. 20 at the Eureka Theatre, are *I Can't Imagine Tomorrow* and *The Gnadiges Fraulein* (Series B), and *In the Bar of a Tokyo Hotel* and *The Travelling Companion* (Series C). A performance schedule is available at www.eastenders.org, or call (510) 434-0734. ▼

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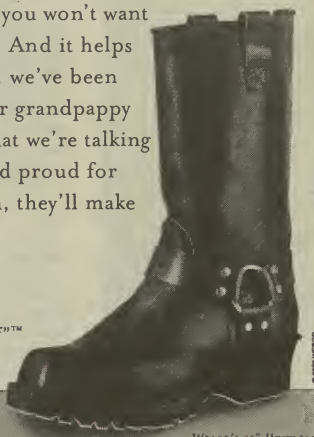


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'Saint François' ascends at War Memorial

by Stephanie von Buchau

Where do I start? Last Friday, San Francisco Opera presented the American stage premiere of Olivier Messiaen's *Saint François d'Assise* (St. Francis of Assisi). This was to be general director Pamela Rosenberg's signature piece, displaying her taste in repertory, her imagination in choosing stage directors and designers, and her expertise in casting relatively unknown voices in major parts.

I wish I could say that the five-hour-plus evening proved all of the above, or denied every one, but the result was much more ambiguous. It is tempting to sneer at a production that keeps the audience stuck in its seats for a 112-minute second act while the protagonist speaks to his birdie friends, at great length, each apostrophe being surrounded by Messiaen's patented bird song, of which I will frankly state, a little goes a long way.

Yet there is too much good music in the opera itself (I'd say close to two hours, roughly half the score, is truly magical) and too much fun stuff on stage (again, I'd judge about half) to give rise to sneering. My *Sitzfleisch* may have been in agony at times, but my brain and even my heart were more than occasionally engaged. It is just that they were engaged for two hours, not for five.



Willard White as Saint Francis: Five-hour opera as mysterious ritual.

I have no idea what you do about this. Ruthless pruning in the past (Mozart, Verdi, Wagner) was cause for later finger-pointing. Wagner was always cut, and sometimes seemed longer for it. I'm not sure that would be the case in Messiaen. You couldn't cut whole scenes because there is something pertinent in each. Yet their rambling structure is such that you might be able to lose the pendants to each scene. They rise to a climax and, just as you are satisfied, Messiaen (or rather, François) starts talking again, *ad infinitum*. It's like having a lover who won't shut up for the afterglow.

One's hope then, with the full score mandated by taste, convention and probably the conductor, is that the performance will somehow carry us over the slow spots. Well, it does and it doesn't. Donald Runnicles understands the score structurally and uses his wizardly technique to keep everyone together. With what I counted to be 102 instruments — three *ondes martenot* (think Beach Boys, though technically that is a theremin) and three mallet instruments (xylophone, marimba and xylorimba) to left and right of the stage rather than in the pit — Runnicles was able to make a lot of noise, much more forceful and in-yer-face than Kent Nagano's French-sounding recording from Salzburg.

Ian Robertson's chorus, backstage or hidden on stage most of the time, sang fantastically, with such power at the end that it guaranteed a standing ovation. (Messiaen was no fool.) The composer's widow, *ondes* virtuoso Yvonne Loriod, awarded the Olivier Messiaen Foundation Prize to Robertson before the performance for his "artistic contribution to the preparation of the opera." Well-deserved.

Androgyne angel

The final unambiguous piece of the puzzle was the casting of Buffalo native Laura Aikin as the Angel, the only female presence in the opera, though she is actually androgyne and is referred to as "he" by the monks. Dawn Upshaw has sung the role almost exclusively, yet her wan, colorless voice is nothing like Aikin's pure, springwater tones. (Credit Rosenberg for breaking that hegemony.) Aikin also entered into the director's scheme, dancing like a Martha Graham intern and ap-

pearing most fetchingly in an electric blue bodystocking, overcoat, Fedora and shades, like some drug dealer from a Japanese punk movie. Her wing was enclosed in a backpack.

Not only was she totally entertaining, raising the level of every scene she was in, but she participated in the opera's greatest musical treat, when the angel plays her "viol" to impress François with God's power to speak through music. The *ondes martenot* sings for the Angel, who plucks at the support strings holding up her snowy path as though they were a celestial harp. This was the effortless melding of music and staging that the entire opera could have used.

And that's where the problems started. About half the time, director Nicolas Brieger and set designer Hans Dieter Schaal, both making SFO debuts, were shockingly dated and anti-Messiaen. This is the composer of colors, remember, who is on record as hating "gray." Yet much of this production was bathed in gray, black, brown, colors and shapes of German Expressionism. In the opening scene, as dozens of chorists marched up a ramp wearing long overcoats and Fedoras, I half expected to hear a cimbalom playing the *Third Man* theme. Stagehands (the common people) came on to listen to the birds; I saw that at Seattle's modern *Ring* in 1990.

In other words, this production pretty much cemented the fears some of us had that the "new" SFO style would be, in fact, an old Teutonic one. Still, you can't judge by one production, especially of a long and difficult opera like this. The other singers, including Willard White in the title role, were perfectly adequate without setting anyone on fire. Chris Merritt, as the Leper, was more than that, but I'm not sure if it was him or the scene itself that was so powerful and physically exciting.

I think that's what I missed the most, the continual physical thrills you get in Verdi, Puccini, Mozart, Handel — the idea that you are totally engaged in a mysterious ritual that is making your heart pound and the blood rush in your ears. I didn't experience that continually with *Saint François*, at least not in this production. Yet to be fair, I don't see how anyone could animate some of those droning speeches. Saint François did love to hear himself talk. ▼

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Crusading women

Mary Bolton on 'Song of Madeleine'

by Deborah Peifer

Historical novels are tricky, and the further back in time you go, the trickier they are. It's hard enough writing a good novel, let alone recreating a time so far from our own that the characters might as well be from another planet.

The historical novelist must find a way to provide the necessary information to make the period and its people coherent for the modern reader without lecturing, making annoying lists, or having characters ask questions for the sole purpose of filling in the gaps in the reader's knowledge. Mary Bolton gets it all right in *Song of Madeleine* (iUniverse, \$20.95), a fascinating tale of Eleanor of Aquitaine's decision to accompany her husband, King Louis VII, on the disastrous Sec-

ond Crusade, as told by her cousin, Madeleine.

Bolton captures everyday life in the 12th century with a remarkable eye for detail. The journey to the Holy Land is painfully vivid. *Song of Madeleine* is a great read, filled with extraordinary characters. The book was so interesting that I was certain Bolton would be equally so, and decided an e-interview was just the thing.

Deborah Peifer: How did you develop this amazing interest in the Crusades?

Mary Bolton: My interest in the Crusades, in the 12th century more exactly, developed in a most mysterious way. It all started in the Hebrides, on the Isle of Iona. On that island is an existing 12th-cen-

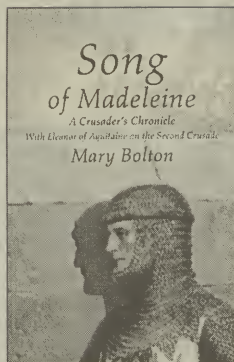
tury convent whose main attraction is its still-surviving glass windows, a rarity indeed. What caught my eye, however, was a Willendorf-like figure on the outside of the wall. When I investigated what it was, the guidebook identified it as an earth

goddess figure. That surprised me, because the ashes of many a woman have floated skyward for any such belief. How did it survive on this convent wall? Except for the Celtic her-

itage, there's no explanation.

I began to wonder if the 12th-century convents housed a secret goddess religion. Of course, there is no record to be found of that, probably ashes like the women, but one person kept recurring in all my searching. Eleanor of Aquitaine appeared in every source that I encountered. I began to be fascinated by her, and in a wonderful book by Amy Kelly, *Eleanor and the Four Kings*, I came across the passage that started me on my journey. Describing the preparations for the Crusade, Kelly quotes the chronicling monk, who wrote, "With the Queen were several women, but there is not parchment enough to waste on their names."

Everyone who has ever gone on a search knows when they've hit pay dirt. I knew that I would not rest until their names and their deeds were known. So the interest was not so much in the Crusade, but the fact that the most il-



lustrious Queen of that century traveled from Paris to Jerusalem (I'm exhausted flying to London), and that several women went with her. Did you ever learn that in a history class?

What intrigued you about Eleanor?

Her amazing willfulness, when such a trait was all but loathed by the dominant culture, guided as it was by the Church. She was bright, cultured, sensual, strong, and, records show, extremely generous. Eleanor understood power, knew how to play the power game. Too well, I'm afraid, for her second husband, Henry the Second. He imprisoned her for several years.

Every researcher finds at least one interesting fact that can't be used in the novel. What was yours?

The most interesting fact I uncovered, and could not use in the book, concerned Abbess Jovetta in Bethany. When her father, King Baldwin, was captured by the Saracens, they demanded one of

his children be given as hostage. Jovetta was chosen. Imagine a four-year-old girl delivered into the hands of a Saracen harem at so young an age — any age, for that matter. Princess Jovetta was later given so magnificent a convent by her sister, Queen Melisende, for obvious reasons. Jovetta, after her release, was considered unmarried.

What's next for you?

I have a book undergoing a rewrite. It's the story of a couple who become heroically involved in the rescue attempts that the Deluge of '97 triggered here in Northern California. Penny Vidalovich works for Forestry, and her partner, Vaal Swenson, works with the Conservation Corps. Both women also become suspects in a homicide that occurs when the Arbadee Dam causes a power outage!

After that, I want to write the story of my Irish great-aunt, Honora Ford, who, orphaned on shipboard, lands in Boston in 1850. That should keep me off the streets for a while. I'll send these out a couple of times, and if I get the same runaround, I'll go right back to iUniverse. There are a lot of good writers who can't get past the greed-motivated monolith that publishing has become. I urge them to do the same thing. ▼

Song of Madeleine is available in eBook or MS Reader format for \$6 at iuniverse.com. Contact Book Report at DeborahPeifer@msn.com.

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Secret skin

by Jim Piechota

Undersurface by Mitch Cullin;
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The daunting baggage of ambivalent sexual identity, captured so effectively in 1991's *The Cosmology of Bing*, about a closeted gay professor with a crush on a student, is dusted off and again hammered onto the mantle of author Mitch Cullin's stark fifth effort.

The bleak opening scene of a homeless camp inside a dark sewer tunnel among the arroyos of Phoenix, Arizona finds an unnamed man hiding out from police who want him to answer to murder charges. This is the result of his secret double life that has spun out of control, which makes up the driving force of the book.

Cullin retrace "the man's" steps from a once-happily married life to the desolate circumstances he finds himself in now. There was a time when his middle-class, suburban lifestyle was sufficient: a good high-school English teaching job, two smart children, and a loving, attractive wife. But Julie became overweight and unresponsive to sex after bearing children and, since they now sleep in separate rooms, "the man" has grown restless and horny over summer break.

His solution: driving around in circles though the city late at night, never daring to stop. But, one night, he discovers the joys of

the "Greasewood Palace," an adult bookstore with an arcade populated by video booths. At the mercy of some anonymously pleasurable gloryholes, "the man" has found relief from the bed-death of his marriage.

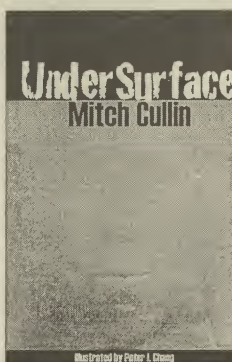
From this point, Cullin whips up a frothy mix of lies, cover-ups, desperate acts, and good old-fashioned trouble for his protagonist, a man who simply wants to get off.

The procession of hazards begins when the gloryholes are suddenly sealed over, sending "the man" to seek "short-lived nirvana" within the public toilet stalls of nearby Mission Park. The sex is free-flowing (he develops a regular rendezvous session with a favorite man) until an undercover policeman is shot at the urinals, and though "the man" tries to aid the dying officer, he ends up running for cover. Wracked with guilt and numerous sleepless nights, "the man," now John Connor, finally admits to police he was at the scene when the officer was murdered.

Double trouble

Police take his statement, but they believe John is much more involved than he states. What follows is the breakdown and the shameless skinning of a married man's double life, revealing the hefty price-tag that secret lives and lies can carry.

Cullin's book claims to be "based roughly on real events," which is a believable assertion es-



established by those newspaper accounts of restless, horny, middle-aged husbands who keep getting caught with their hands in the Cristo can.

Undersurface is simple yet effective. There is nothing inherently complicated about stripping away the facades of a closeted man at the mercy of his "base desire." Cullin shows off his stuff — effectively groggy pace, frenzied psychological perspective, and gloomy characterization.

But there is fun to be had here as well. The story pauses often for hilarious passages skewering the male species as a herd of "selfish, stupid," unfeeling slugs. Consider this: "It's a miracle that men accomplish anything profound, especially when considering the nature of their sex drive." Sometimes the truth really hurts.

Ultimately, Cullin's story calls to mind everyone's private potential, that "other self" lurking just beneath the layers of our outward appearance. ▼

FILM

Cinema sparks in Marin

Highlights from 2002 Mill Valley Film Fest

by David Lamble

Under One Roof From the opening titles informing us that "Fags Make Movies" to the delicious shower scenes that bookend this modest but funny tale of a Chinese American mama's boy who passive/aggressively wishes "to dip [his] chopstick in [the] ricebowl" of a lanky Indiana slacker boy, *Under One Roof* works its subtle magic on us. Director Todd Wilson and writer David Lewis expertly mix the solid storytelling of contemporary Chinese cinema with the staggering sexual possibilities of SF to give us an upstairs/downstairs farce about Daniel (Jay Wong), whose furtive pursuit of Robert (James Marks) threatens to break his "main rule: separating my home life from my homo life."

In a film romance, chemistry between the lovers is everything, and Wong and Marks make us fully aware that their kitchen is instantly in business, while at the same time making believable the bed-switching hijinx designed to keep Daniel's "evil empress" of a mother off the scent.

An early scene in which Daniel seeks to probe Robert's suitability as a partner by tossing the Sunday paper's career section in his lap provides a nice example of how the filmmakers both acknowledge and skewer social clichés. Robert: "This job stuff, it seems to get your dick hard." Daniel: "At least I have some direction in my life." Robert: "At least I don't still live at home." (10/5 & 7, Rafael)

Personal Velocity In an impressive film debut, Rebecca Miller takes some weirdly specific characters created for the page and makes them sing onscreen. *Personal Velocity* is an anthology with a very subversive throughline: during the first two stories — young mother Delia (Kyra Sedgwick) flees an abusive husband with her three kids, and aspiring book editor Greta (Parker Posey) struggles over whether to delete her "ideal guy" husband from her life — we hear fleeting accounts of a traffic accident, whose details launch the third tale.

A wild girl named Paula (Fairuza Balk), who runs from the accident, copes with a sudden pregnancy, courtesy of her Haitian live-in boyfriend; confronts her divorced mom and her sarcastic stepdad; and saves the life of a male teenage hitchhiker. Paula uses her need to save the boy as

Robert (James Marks) and Daniel (Jay Wong): hijinx *Under One Roof*.

the foundation for finally getting a handle on her out-of-control life. Comedy and tragedy mix at high speed. (10/13, Sequoia)

Bowling for Columbine One of many ways to view Michael Moore is as a kind of Rush Limbaugh for the Left, with bits of Jerry Springer, Jerry Brown, Jerry Lewis, and definitely too much Ben & Jerry thrown in for good measure. It's as if Jacques Tati arose from the dead with extra girth and a pointy-headed political agenda. For liberals, the dilemma with Moore has always been, can somebody who's this much fun really be trusted? In his new film, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold bowl a few frames before school, a suburban bank gives out a loaded rifle with every new account, Charlton Heston meets a bigger bully, and the founder of *American Bandstand* flees the law of unintended consequences. Bowling's improvement over *Roger and Me* is Moore's carefully crafted line of reasoning that connects America's mania for guns with a proximate cause: the unproclaimed second "Civil War" that broke out in the '60s between Left and Right. Guaranteed to provoke, amuse, annoy, exasperate and delight. (10/12 & 13, Sequoia/Rafael)

The Crime of Father Amaro Gael Garcia Bernal is not the only reason to see Carlos Carrera's update of a 19th-century Portuguese comic novel, but he's a damn good one. Bernal lets a façade of dewy-eyed innocence conceal a talent that can freely cross between irony and sincerity. When Bernal's newly-frocked priest arrives in a

provincial Mexican town, everybody he meets has a naughty secret. By film's end, Father Amaro has the naughtiest secret of all. (10/5 & 12, Sequoia/Rafael)

Merci Docteur Rey Andrew Litvak's debut feature (he's the protégé of executive producer Ismail Merchant) is an improbably funny concoction of lust, noir, and off-beat comedy. A handsome French guy, Thomas (Stanislas Mehrher), discovers adventure, true love and the identity of his real father by placing a sex ad. A high-powered female cast (Dianne Wiest, Jane Birkin, Vanessa Redgrave) makes you forget the loony implausibility of it all. (10/13, Rafael)

Farang Ba Easily the most off-beat of this year's crop of documentaries, *Farang Ba* (Thai slang for crazy white foreigner) presents the tale of a middle-aged American ex-pat who finds that the key to the good life in the Far East lies in the boxing ring. (10/4 & 6, Rafael/Sequoia)

Deadline A female Swedish reporter probes an epidemic of mysterious bombings rocking the planned Olympic Games. An obsessive attention to the details fuels this off-beat thriller that should keep you guessing. (10/8 & 11, Sequoia/Rafael)

Exam Iranian women gather in a school square prior to taking the most important test of their lives. The conformity of the veil conceals a world of differences. (10/6, Sequoia) ▼

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Tony Curtis

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brought to the role. "I play him as a handsome, eccentric millionaire," Curtis said. "I play him how I look. It's really not complicated."

Curtis has no patience for high-tone talk of acting methods or techniques. "There is no process," he said. "It must be natural and easy. It cannot be motivated by, well, I'm going to think of when I was angry at my mother so I can get angry on the screen. I'm a technician, if you will."

Curtis' career began on the stage in New York, and he was discovered by Hollywood in a 1948 off-Broadway revival of *Golden Boy*. He never did make it to

Broadway, and one high-profile attempt was a notorious fiasco. Curtis starred in Neil Simon's *I Ought to Be in Pictures* during a pre-Broadway tryout in Los Angeles, but had departed the company before it opened on Broadway in 1980 with Ron Leibman in his role.

"It was a terrible experience," Curtis said. "Neil Simon and [director] Herb Ross are disgusting. I was using drugs then, but they made my life so miserable that it was not possible for me to work for them."

His decision to try the stage again at age 77, this time singing and dancing in a musical based on one of his greatest film successes, seems both gutsy and foolhardy. But Curtis has his own reasons for

putting himself out there once again.

"Service to others is the rent we pay for our time on this planet. That comes from Omar Khayyam, and I feel that," Curtis said. "When I go out on the road now and I meet these women who are 50 and 60 and 70 years old, and they look up at me and smile and blush, all the wrinkles disappear, and I can see what they looked like when they were young. I like the fact that I can do that. I don't think it's egotistical. Maybe it is, but I don't give a shit. I just like it." ▼

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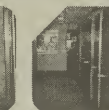
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Heavy into Judy

Sammy Williams impersonates Garland

by Richard Dodds

Anyone who saw the original cast of *A Chorus Line* is bound to recall Sammy Williams' performance. He played Paul, a dancer whose wrenching description of the night his parents found him performing in a drag show helped win him a Tony Award.

But playing a character who talks about doing drag isn't at all the same as actually getting into the gear. "I didn't want to audition, because I didn't think it was my kind of show," Williams said of *Doing Judy!*, beginning a run Oct. 4 at the Alcazar. "It said 'drag,' and I've never done that, and I wasn't comfortable doing it."

The lure of the job helped him overcome his reservations, and less than a week later, he was in rehearsals for the Los Angeles production of Dan Evans' mystery comedy. "I really didn't know what I was getting myself into," Williams said in a recent phone interview.

But he turned out to like what he had got himself into, and agreed to stay on with the cast for the SF run. Williams is playing a Judy Garland impersonator who may be the next target of a serial killer of guys who do Judy. First-time playwright Evans imagines a school for Garland impersonators that a straight

police detective joins to catch the perpetrator, by going undercover as yet another Judy.

For the San Francisco run of *Doing Judy!*, Zach Galligan (*Gremlins*) has taken over the role of Detective Mike Manley. But most of the other featured performers are recreating their roles from the well-received LA production of earlier this year. They include Williams as an aging Judy wannabe, L.B. Fish-

er as his young companion who favors Liza, and Todd Sherry, who runs the class where warm-up exercises include Judy-robics.

"It's not a drag show," Williams said of *Doing Judy!*. "It's a real play. It's on the same level as, perhaps, *La Cage aux Folles*."

Williams had to quickly brush up on his Garland after he landed the role. "Because I play the older Judy, I really concentrated on her life after the studio stuff," he said. "We had a Judy night at the director's house. A Judy impersonator came over to show us different moves, and how to put on Judy makeup."

He also got to tell the group of his first-hand experiences with Judy Garland. "I was 18, doing my first Broadway show, and there was a bar called the Penthouse. Judy and Martha Raye would come in and hang out all night, and drink and drink and drink. We would go over and say hello to Judy, and she'd give us big hugs and stuff like that."

Williams landed his first Broadway show, *The Happy Time*, fresh out of high school. He also danced with Lauren Bacall in *Applause*, and then came the life-shaking experience of *A Chorus Line*.



Backstage



Tony-winner Sammy Williams



Astrid Hadad returns to Brava.

Brava affairs

An Astrid Hadad show sounds something like a cross between Carmen Miranda, *Beach Blanket Babylon*, and Bertolt Brecht. The Mexican singer and performance artist, whose costumes include headdresses shaped like the Statue of Liberty, the Eiffel Tower, and giant pineapples, is making a return visit to the Brava Theatre Center on Oct. 9-13.

Last year, *The New York Times* described a Hadad performance as "one of the most provocative stage acts since the Weimar Republic was in bloom. It's a swirl of old songs turned inside out, performance art, political barbs, and clothes so surreal they make Salvador Dali look like Norman Rockwell."

Another Brava returnee is Lila Downs with her five-piece band, performing at the former York Theatre through Oct. 6. Like Hadad, she is also a Mexican native who breaks the usual definitions of cabaret artist. Politics and cultural analysis infuse her musical repertoire, ranging from originals to Gershwin to Woody Guthrie.

Call 647-2822 for more information.

Short scenes

Beauty pageants become a metaphor for fantasy, escape, and cultural identities in Noel Alumi's *Master of the (Miss) Universe*, commencing Oct. 9 at the New Conservatory Theatre Center as part of its series of co-productions. The Filipino-born solo artist was previously seen at NCTC in *The Rice Room: Scenes from a Bar*. Call 861-8972 for tickets.

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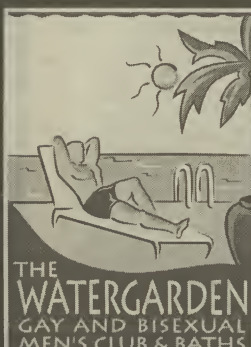
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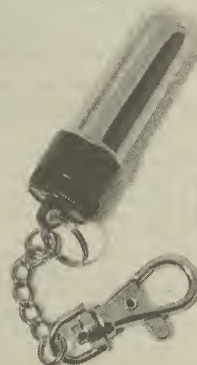


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One of Bruce LaBruce's tamer photos

Nice 'n' nasty

This weekend's Castro Street Fair, if it holds to tradition, will be a wholesome family affair — in stark contrast to last weekend's Folsom Street Fair, which was a perv's pure delight. While I've always enjoyed the Castro Street Fair for its Gay Lite feel, for full-on, hard-core, in-depth queerness, the Folsom Street Fair can't be beat. Being there was deep immersion in raunch, and it felt refreshing. It doesn't hurt that Gregg Taylor is back in town organizing and emceeing talent shows in his inimitable way, bringing welcome sleaze back to the city after a long exile.

At Folsom Street Fair, in gorgeous autumn weather, thousands were rewarded with visions of naked butts, pecs, harnesses, and dicks amid scantily leather/kink-clad masses. Spanking booths, bondage displays, slave boys on leashes and all the rest were part of the revelries. Tranny band Pepperspray woke everybody up at noon with a loud, wildly energetic set that made great use of the talents of Peggy Leggs, Precious Moments, Tinkle, Jordan L'Moore and Princess Kennedy. Later the Trannyshack set offered a twisted, cutting anti-war number by Vinsantos, with a demonic GWB with guns versus rockers with a giant guitar. Hekline herself raunchily picked a pretty party boy out of the audience and licked his butt on stage, but then declined to go all the way, leaving his brown star for others to attend to. Pansy Division again proved they're the hottest homocore band ever, playing paens to dicks and loose boys.

Meanwhile, a couple of exhibits opened last weekend that gloriied in raunch. Both were attended by the glitterati of the queer art scene. The New Black's one-night-only showing of Club Uranus photos drew subculture queens to view nostalgic scene photos by Taylor, Danny Nicoletta, Marc Geller and others, tacked up with push pins in the tiny gallery space. Luckily the weather was great, because the huge crowd flowed out onto the sidewalk, where the party felt just like old times, with many of the former nasty boys in attendance, a bit more shop worn, for sure, but still dick obsessed.

Reportedly the same deviant art crowd turned out for the opening of peres projects' Bruce LaBruce exhibit (see Wednesday), though I didn't make it to see first-hand. However their website (www.peresprojects.com) gives thumbnail images of all the young men with boners LaBruce has captured on film for posterity's sake. LaBruce is synonymous with raunch, and makes nasty-boy boners stand out as art, not just pornography. ▼

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Author Thea Hillman (*Depending on the Light*) presents "Rated XXXY," an evening of erotica and education benefiting the Intersex Society of North America (ISNA). Spoken word performances reflecting intersex experiences with Solidad de Costa, Emi Koyama, Les Milstein, Shorona Se Mbessakwini, Hida Viloria and Fairy Butch aka karlyn Lotney. With Cheryl Chase & ISNA Board Members. Auction of ISNA memorabilia and other fun things. \$10-\$50 sliding (NO-TAFLOF). 7pm. 1800 Market St. (at Octavia). Info: www.ISNA.org/rated

Jon Sims Center for the Arts

AIrSpace artist-in-residence Saun-Toy Latifa Trotter performs "Desire and Creation: An Anti-Oppressionist Dream of Motherhood," a work-in-progress about motherhood "within the context of race, homophobia, militarism and patriarchy." Trotter explores the political and ethical dilemmas of choosing to bring life into a society that does not always love her or any child that she would birth as a queer-colored-single-woman. \$5-\$10 sliding (NOTAFLOF). 8pm. 1519 Mission St. Tix/info: 554-0402; www.jonsimscctr.org

Theater of Yugen/Noh Space

Asian American Theater Company presents The 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors in "Spike Rhee's Get on the Bus," in which a busload of very odd passengers find themselves on a madcap journey to the grave of Bruce Lee. \$15 (\$12 students/seniors). 8pm (7pm Sun.). Thu.-Sun. thru Oct. 27. 2840 Mariposa St. (at Alabama). Tix/info: 440-5545; www.asianamericantheater.org

Herbst Theatre

The Kinsey Sicks return to SF as "Homocoreing Queens." They recently played a long run in Provincetown, Mass., headlined at Montreal's "Just for Laughs" comedy fest, and did an off-Broadway run at NYC's Studio 54. Now they're re-igniting the home-town passion with their Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet sounds and antics. Expect a big surprise. \$20-\$32. 8pm. Tix: City Box Office, 392-4400; www.cityboxoffice.com

Venue 9

Venue 9 hosts "Arts and Politics Mixer on California Arts Day." Artists and other concerned voters can meet with SF Board of Supervisors candidates, discover their agenda for the arts (if they have one), and identify those best qualified and committed to represent the arts. Broadcast live on the internet and videotaped for a local television documentary. Of concern: Venue 9's landlord has designs to rebuild on the land at 252 Ninth St. when the Footloose lease is up in May 2004. Venue 9, SoMa's last full-time, professional theater, must move. Now is the time for action. Discuss zoning for the arts, tax breaks for developers subsidizing art space, arts and cultural community centers, arts education programs for inner city youth, outdoor art events and installations, no sales tax for nonprofits, and the economic impact of the arts. \$5 and up donation.

6-9pm. 252 Ninth St. (between Folsom & Howard). Info/Res: 415-289-2000, www.venue9.com. Also: a benefit party with DJ dancing will be held at Venue 9, 9pm-2am, on Saturday, Oct. 5.

MAX TGIF @

Atelier Studio Gallery

Men's Associated Exchange hosts a special Chairmen's Emeritus recognition event and the introduction of the new MAX Board of Directors. MAX is a membership-supported fraternal organization over 500 members strong. Their mission is to provide a fun, open, diverse and welcoming community for gay men via social and philanthropic events. Hosted bar. \$12 members; \$17 guests. 6-9pm. 2354 Market St. Info: www.maxonline.org

Sat 5

Eureka Valley Rec Center

"Taekwon Do Tournament," hosted by Triangle TKD, coordinated by Master Ken Craig (4th dan) and Grand Master Martin Marcus (8th dan). Morning session: traditional forms, creative forms and demonstration team events. Afternoon session: TMAA Olympic style sparring. Black belts and colored belts of all ranks at least 18 years-of-age (by Oct. 5) invited to participate. Triangle works to promote martial arts in the Bay Area, as well as self-defense and physical well-being within the LGBT community. The tournament is being held in October to commemorate the anniversary of the murder of Matthew Shepherd in 1998. Participants: \$40 flat-fee for one or more events. Spectators: free. 9am-4pm. Eureka Valley Recreational Center, 18th and Collingwood (one block west of Castro St.). Info: 495-1888; email: ttkdc@aol.com

SF Hiking Club

Join other outdoor lovers for a Mt. Diablo Waterfalls and Creek hike. Enjoy creekside strolls with views of the Sacramento River delta. Meet 9:45am at the foot of the Rockridge BART station escalator. Info: 487-6410; www.sfhiking.com

Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park

"October Orchid Fest," a large orchid show and sale benefiting the reconstruction of the SF Conservatory of Flowers. Sales vendors include well-known local, national and international growers. Blooming orchid plants provide a colorful display. Lectures & educational displays. \$2. 10am-5pm. Ninth Ave. & Lincoln Way. Info: 510-635-3260.

Jon Sims Center for the Arts

San Francisco in Exile (SFInX) presents "10 Minute Macks: Quick Queeries of Melanated Maleness," a series of monologues and poetic interrogation of the constructions of maleness among Diasporic Peoples of Color. Curated by Juba Kalamka (aka Pointfivefag of Deep Dickcollective)



"We'll Meet Again in Dreams" by Michael Schoenig, part of the GLAA exhibition opening Oct. 12 at Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy.

and founder of "homohop" label Sugartruck Recordings). Featuring Louie Butler III, Marcus Rene Van, and other local talent. Performance recorded for the SFInX.org online archive. \$7-\$12 sliding (NOTAFLOF). 8pm. 1519 Mission St. Tix/info: 554-0402; www.jonsimscctr.org

Bayfront Theatre

BATS Improv presents "All-Star Theatresports," featuring the best improvisers from BATS' three performing groups as the Main Stage Company, The Belfry, and The Sunday Players team up to challenge one another in this competitive improv format. Come cheer on your favorite teams. \$12. 8pm. Fort Mason Center, Suite B 350. Info: 474-6776; www.batsimprov.org

Castro Theatre

Symposium: SF Architectural Heritage and Honorary Chairman Nicholas Cage present "I'm Ready for My Close-up, Mr. De Mille," in which prominent artists, architects and Supervisor Gavin Newsom consider what must be done to sustain the operation of single-screen theatres, 35 of which have closed in SF since 1980. Presenters include U.B. Morgan (sculptor/filmmaker), Will Shank (fine arts conservation/criticism), Arnie Lerner (architect), Alice Carey (architect), Michael Buhler (attorney, Nat'l Trust for Historic Preservation), and Alphonso Felder (founder, SF Neighborhood theater Foundation). \$25 members; \$35 non-members. 8:45-9:15am registration; program concludes at 1pm. 429 Castro St. RSVP: 441-3000.

SF LGBT Community Center

Futura presents "An Evening with MDO," featuring Sony recording artists MDO live in concert, direct from Puerto Rico, performing hits off their latest hot-selling 5th anniversary album, including *Me Huele a Soledad* and *Ayudame a Olvidar*. DJ Salvador spins "Ritmo Latino." \$15. 10pm-3am. 1800 Market St. Info: 665-6715; www.futurasf.com

Sun 6

Castro Street Fair

As always on the first Sunday in October, since its founding in 1974 by Harvey Milk, the Castro Street Fair (11am-6pm) offers a neighborhood atmosphere for thousands of locals strolling up and down gay boulevards lined with food and crafts vendors. A people-watcher's paradise. Your donations benefit local LGBT community organizations. On Futura's sizzling, first-ever LATINO MAIN STAGE (11am-6pm; Market & Castro): Monica Mesones (Telemundo) MC's, with hostess Alexis (Empress of Esta Noche), plus safe-sex messages from Juanita MORE! and AGUILAS. Headliners: MDO. Featuring Octaviano ("Spanish Fly") and live band Malo; Brazilian dance troupe Birds of Paradise; Ensembles Ballet Folklórico de SF; Grupo Pro-Latino Azteca Folklorico; Soulforce breakdancers; Mariachi Mexicanismo; "Travesty Show" with Alexis, Arianna & Uva; "Go Go Cavalcade" from Futura, LatinGuyz.com & LatinJocks.com. DJs Salvador, LXR & 5 Play spin "Ritmo Latino." With guest DJ Geoff St. John (Wild 94.9). Country Western Dance Stage (behind Castro Theatre) produced by Sundance Association. Techno Dance Stage (behind Walgreens) by Braindrops. Drag Show (on 18th St. by Calaf) by Artful Circle Theatre. Info: www.castrostreetfair.org

SF Hiking Club

Monte Bello & Long Ridge Exploratory Hike. Enjoy views from ridge tops in the Open Space Preserves. Meet 9am under the large Safeway sign at Market & Dolores. Info: 487-6410; www.sfhiking.com

Rassela's Jazz Club

The Richmond/Ermet AIDS Foundation presents "One Night Only," a benefit show with the cast of "The Full Monty," the latest in their series of cabaret nights with the casts of touring Broadway shows. This gives the company members a chance to cut loose and perform music different from what they do in their touring shows. The intimate atmosphere of Rassela's gives the audience a chance to experience these talents up close and personal. \$40 open seating. Doors open 7:30pm; show at 8pm. Tix/info: 273-1620; www.helpisontheway.org

Unitarian Church

Meeting of the SF Prime Timers (formerly the G40+ Club), now a membership organization with elected officers and a Board of Directors, open to anyone over the age of 21. The club is affiliated with Prime Timers World Wide, an international organization for mature gay/bi men. All welcome and encouraged to share Prime Timers activities. Speaker & refreshments. 2-4pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1187 Franklin St. (at Geary). Info: 552-1997.

Mon 7**Mecca**

Juanita MORE! headlines the AGUILAS 9th Annual Awards Celebration, a benefit for one of the city's largest nonprofit organizations reaching out to the Latino gay community. With appetizers, cocktails and incredible entertainment. Maria Elena Gaitan serves as the gracious host, and Rueben Mancias (Body Music) will be spinning the turntables. \$35. 6-10pm. 2029 Market St. Tix/info: 558.8403; www.SFAGUILAS.ORG

Fine Art Gallery, SFSU

The College of Creative Arts' Fine Arts Gallery presents "The Erotic Life of Clay," featuring "SexPots," and "Jun Kaneko: On the Edge and in the Round." Both shows make the case for ceramics as a form of fine art and introduce the idea, or remind us, that clay can be especially well-suited to exploring the erotic in conceptually pointed ways. Free. Mon.-Sat., noon-4pm. 19th Ave. & Holloway aves. Info: 338-6535.

SF LGBT Community Center

Nick Leonard (www.nickleonard.net) hosts "QComedy Showcase," Monday Night Gay Comedy, featuring a unique SF appearance by British comedy duo Topping and Butch. Plus Blake, Erin Souza, Amy Boyd, W. Kamau Bell, Heather Gold, and Bridget Schwartz. \$8-\$15 sliding. Doors open 7:30pm; show at 8pm. Tix/info: 865-5633; www.harveymilk.org; www.QComedy.com

Jon Sims Center

Queer Jitterbugs presents "Same Sex Swing Classes" in Progressive Lindy Hop. Four-week sessions start the first Monday of each month. All ages. No partner or experience needed. 7pm Level 2; 8pm Level 1. \$13 drop-in; \$40 series; half off if under 21. 1519 Mission St. (btwn 11th & Van Ness, above the Loading Dock. Info: 305-8242; www.queerjitterbugs.com

Tue 8**Palace of the Legion of Honor**

"Egyptian Tuesday Nights," in celebration of "Eternal Egypt: Masterworks of Ancient Art from the British Museum," featuring henna tattoos by Henna Garden, hairstyle by Michelle Renee, make-up by Stephanie Finney, jewelry making by Amy Faust, and Egyptian fashions by Patricia Christensen. Lecture (Gould Theater) by American Decorative Arts Forum: "Hollywood Goddesses and Highboys from Four New England Seaports." Free gen'l admission; \$6 special exhibition fee for "Eternal Egypt." Open till 8:45pm every Tues.; last admission at 8pm. Lincoln Park; entrance at 34th Ave. & Clement. Info: 863-3330; legionofhonor.org



British comedy duo Topping and Butch take part in "QComedy Showcase" at the SF LGBT Community Center. See Monday.

Victoria Theater

"Make It So" Productions presents "Viva Variety 28," hosted by Steve Murray, offering an eclectic mix of the finest performers from dance; performance arts, physical circus, comedy, theatre, spoken word, and original music. A benefit for the Native American Health Center (www.sfccc.org/clinics/nahc.htm). Featuring singer/songwriter Gabriel Scott; Velocity Circus' LuminEssence; sketch comedy troupe "I Love Lezzie"; ventriloquist Ron Coulter & Star; cowgirl tricks by Karen Quest; comedian Scott Capurro; modern dance from Attitude Dance Company; 2002 SF Cabaret Competition winner Coley Grundman; spoken-word performer Istayee Montez; found object puppeteers Lunatique Fantastique; and comic Amy Boyd. The ornate, stately Victoria Theatre at 16th St. & Mission, built in 1908 as a vaudeville house, is now a city landmark and the oldest operating theatre in San Francisco. \$20 (\$15 students/seniors). 8pm. Tix/info: 863-0741; www.makeitsoproductions.org

Wed 9**peres projects**

peres projects presents "Bruce LaBruce: Photographs," the first West Coast solo exhibition of photographs by filmmaker, writer, and photographer Bruce LaBruce. Featuring recent works taken during the casting of LaBruce's films, shooting for porn and fashion magazines. LaBruce was an early producer of the homo-punk fanzines that helped launch the so-called Homocore or Queercore movement. His films include "No Skin Off My Ass" (1991) and "Skin Flick" (1998/99). Wed.-Sat., 12 noon-6pm, or by appt. Thru November 2. 1800 Bryant Street, Suite 210. Info: 861-2692; www.brucealabruce.com; www.peresprojects.com

Hyatt Regency

"Gay & Lesbian World Travel Expo," an opportunity to learn about gay-friendly destinations, cruises, hotels and events worldwide. Meet gay & gay-friendly tour operators and travel agents. A benefit for the National AIDS/HIV Nightline. \$5. 4-8pm. Market/Drumm St., Embarcadero.

The Stud

"The Crimson Club," featuring Spencer Day with his hot group of jazz musicians and performers. Day captivates the crowds with his finely nuanced, seductive vocalizing. Cover. 9pm. 9th & Harrison.

Thu 10**Jon Sims Center for the Arts**

"LIT@JSC" presents readings by writers Maiana Minahal and Loran Sevilla. A queer Pinay immigrant, Minahal explores the imagination as a

tool for resistance and transformation. Sevilla is a second-generation Pinay butch writer, performer, dancer, Sagittarian, daughter and sister. She writes to insert her existence into the white heterocentric norm, to create her own queer and brown legacy. \$7-\$12 sliding (NOTAFLOR). 8pm. 1519 Mission St. Info: 554-0492; www.jon-simsctr.org

Theatre Rhinoceros

Hot Pants Homo Players & Theatre Rhino present the return of "Lavender Lockerroom: A Comedy With Balls!" for three weeks only. Written & directed by F. Allen Sawyer. Performed in mock "word-for-word" style, the play borrows the spirit of the "one-handed" pulp novels of the 1950s & '60s, yet spins them with a gay lib moral. Starring David Bicha, Isaac Brantner, Sandra Schlechter, Tara Blau & Arturo Galster. \$20 Thu & Sun; \$25 Fri & Sat. 8pm (7pm Sun). Thru Oct. 27. 2926 16th St. Tix/info: 861-5079.

The Art Gallery, SFSU

Opening reception: "Biraciality: A Prism for Consciousness," large oil canvases and mixed media installations by Linden Kelfer, expressing the complex emotions of biraciality. Curated by biracial brother-sister team Linden and Veronica Kelfer. Free. 5-8pm. On exhibit Mon.-Wed. 10am-6pm, Thu. & Fri. 10am-3pm, thru Nov. 6. Cesar Chavez Student Center Art Gallery (Terrace level), SF State University. Info: 338-2580; www.sfstudentcenter.com/artgallery

Unitarian Church

The Drug Policy Alliance and the SF Medical Society present "The Politics of Medical Marijuana," a community forum with California State Senator John Vasconcellos (San Jose); SF Supervisor Mark Leno (Sponsor of Prop. S.); Steph Sherer, director of Americans for Safe Access; Donald Abrams, MD, professor of Clinical Medicine at UCSF; Keith Stroup, Executive Director of NORML; and Kevin Zeese, president of Common Sense for Drug Policy. Free. 5-7:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1187 Franklin St. (at Geary). Info: 921-4987.

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"Jesus crowned, black Madonna glowing," (detail), by Gregg Cassin.

Open Studios

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ed from patterns with high contrasts to more subtle images.

"I'm attracted to things that are very graphic," he says. "The silhouette of a leaf form, and also the subtleties within that."

Another artist showing at the SFGGLAA event is Gregg Cassin, who came to SF in 1980 after living in New York, Boston and Paris. "When I tested positive for HIV, I came to San Francisco, to work with AIDS groups and run a non-profit," he says.

Cassin left the workforce to become a full-time dad to his former partner's six-year-old daughter. He started painting four years ago, partly as a response to the anti-gay campaigns of the Religious Right.

"When the Born Agains started taking out ads in the *New York Times* urging gay people to become straight, it was so offensive to me that the image of Jesus had been co-opted by this hateful force," he says.

Cassin, who was raised Catholic, began to create art as a protest to religious oppression. His collages combine Biblical icons and contemporary images, including cast-off photos of chil-



"Who is it, when did it happen, and where?" by Rene Capone.

dren and prisoners. "I wanted to take back the religious images to make a social commentary about suffering and oppression," he says.

Making his Open Studios debut this year at his Castro stu-

dio is 24-year-old artist Rene Capone, whose paintings of young men amid mythical dreamscapes have generated a loyal following of collectors.

Capone moved from New York to SF in 2000, after attending Parsons at New School University. He caught the attention of local collectors with a show last year at Squint Gallery, and has developed a national following through his website www.reneapone.com.

With an evocative blend of childhood wonder and homoeroticism, Capone explores what he calls "the physiology of make-believe," creating mythic images and scenes that are often mysterious, surreal and psychologically compelling.

Although he doesn't categorize his work as specifically gay, the fact that Capone uses nude images of young men has prevented some galleries from showing his work. "Gallery owners have said, 'I love your work, I think it's great, but I can't sell it because most of my clients are straight.'"

While many people purchase art during Open Studios, Cassin explains that selling his work isn't necessarily the primary goal of the event. "It's really a great opportunity to share what we've created, and hear people's responses to the work." ▼

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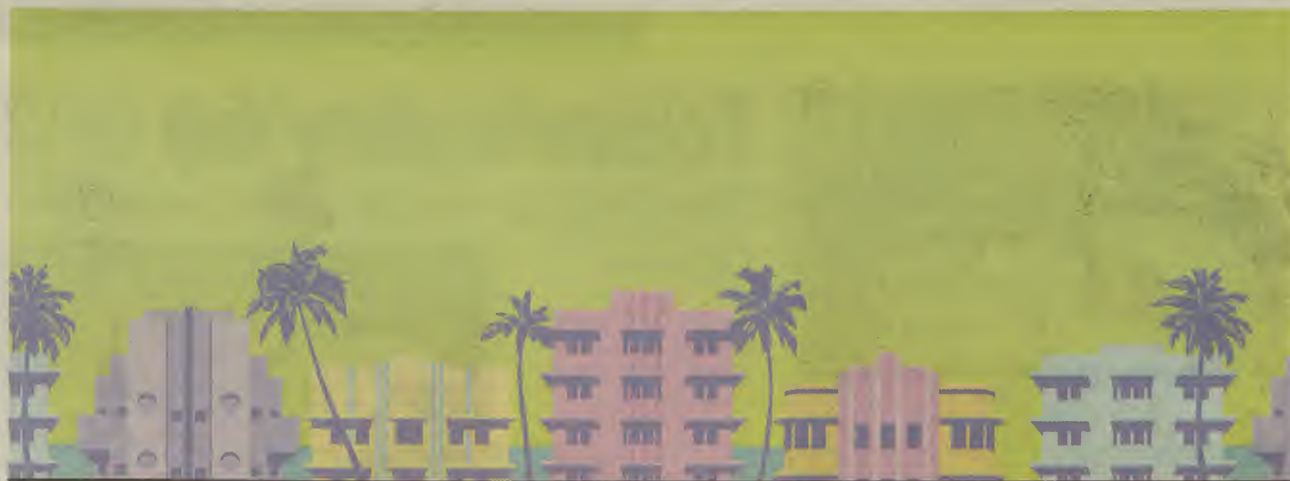
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Open Studios 2002 events

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Free weekend tours (11 a.m.-6 p.m.): **Oct. 5-6:** SoMa, Potrero Hill, North Beach, Russian Hill, Tenderloin, Bayview, Portola, Excelsior **Oct. 12-13:** Castro, Duboce, Mission, Noe Valley, Glen Park, Bernal Heights, Eureka Valley; SFGGLAA Exhibit: Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, 4235 19th St.; Rene Capone: 4529 1/2 18th St. **Oct. 19-20:** Richmond, Sunset, Fort Mason, Marina, Pacific Heights, Haight, Hayes Valley, Buena Vista, West Portal, Diamond Heights, Twin Peaks, Mount Davidson **Oct. 26-27:** Hunter's Point

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Folsom's glory day

Thousands turn out for sunny leather fair

by Mister Marcus

It was another one of those magical leather weeks, as can only be experienced on the Left Coast — and more specifically in San Francisco. Thousands — oh, say about 450,000 leather-friendly individuals from the four corners of the world — converged on "The City That Knows How" to celebrate the leather lifestyle in the fullest sense. Mother Nature played a big hand in keeping the temperature in the mid-70's. Cow skins were everywhere in great abundance, worked into myriad sexy fashion styles, and cameras were clicking away in a staccato-like rapidity.

There were the porn stars, political mavens, bare-chest calendar men and boys, service organizations, and an abundant array of ethnic and good old American food, and beverages of every stripe. Almost 100 current leather title holders were introduced by Mr. San Francisco Leather Peter Jackson and Dyke Diva Billie on the 12th Street stage promptly at 12:30, Peter in a Mel Gibson style leather outfit and Billie looking as elegant as a princess. The audience cheered lustily for each titleholder and a battalion of cameras clicked in unison as each strode across the stage.

The back yard at Stompers was jammed with booted leather men and women as Mike and Frank hosted their annual spread of gourmet quality menu items, including Frank's top-secret baked beans (no, he will *not* sell the recipe!). All this after slaving away for months with the help of Peter Haase to produce a brand new outstanding web site for the best boot store in the world. I hope you caught Wesco Boots ad in last week's issue. And whether you need another pair of boots or now, be sure to check out www.stompersboots.com. You'll love what you find!



Gary Vandeventer and Mark Green step down as the final International Mr. Drummer and International Drummer Boy on Saturday, October 12 at the Sun Coast Resort in St. Petersburg, Florida. The Drummer titles will be history, and it was fun while it lasted.

And speaking of leather businesses, kindly note that Leather Masters in San Jose made the biggest bid at the Bare Chest Calendar auction on Sunday, Sep-

tember 22 with some \$3,300 bid on Mr. November (Mike) and Mr. December (Dax). Let's hear it for Leather Masters. I hope David
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EVENTURES IN LEATHER

Weekend, October 3-6

Ready for another leather weekend? There's one up at the Russian River area, one in Utica, NY and one in Moncton, New Brunswick Canada. Mr. North Coast Leather will be chosen in Guerneville with three days of events which will keep you hopping; the Utica Tri's MC stage their North Atlantic Leather man and boy with a \$75 weekend run fee. In Moncton, Mr. Atlantic Canada will be selected. For more information on Utica, click on www.northatlanticleather.com and for details about the action in Moncton surf to www.macleather.net.

Locally, the 10th annual Mr. SF Bear Contest will take place on Sunday October 5 at the Lone Star but not until after a Bears in Long Johns party at the Lone Star on Thursday, a reunion of all the SF Bear title holders of the past from 2000-2300 on Saturday. A victory party after the contest for the new winner.

On top of all this the Golden Gate Guards MC stage their annual weekend run to Camp Mendocino with all the usual amenities including a 72-hour bar, dinners, brunches, people and bike events and, of course, a show.

Friday, October 4

The Alameda County Leather Corps presents "Skivvies: Underwear party" and not a fundraiser.

Sunday, October 6

The Castro Street Fair takes the spotlight today with hundreds who stayed over from the Folsom Street Fair still partying before they go back home. Also, Inter-Club Fund \$8 beer/soda bust at the

Eagle from 1500-1800 with food, and the usual cruising.

Weekend, October 10-13

The first International Leather Sir and Boy contest weekend at the SunCoast Resort in St. Petersburg, Florida. The "Who's Who" of the leather nation will be on hand to bid adieu to the last International Mr. Drummer Gary Vandeventer and the last International Drummer Boy Mark Greene.

In New York, TES presents the 3rd Annual S/M Film Festival with a super line-up of full-length films, documentaries and shorts of the BDSM lifestyle.

In Austin, Texas it's the "Hunt" weekend run for Bound By Desire. \$45 for members, \$55 for others. For more info, click on www.boundbydesire.org.

The 9th Annual Queer Biker Invasion of Death Valley for serious bikers who will travel to Point Zabriskie for their annual pow-wow. For info, contact Mike Bettinger: mcpstyle@well.com and/or surf to: www.well.com/user/mcpstyle/qbidv02.htm.

Sunday, October 13

Phoenix Uniform Club hosts the \$8 beer/soda bust at the Eagle today from 1500-1800 with a uniform contest and a gourmet quality food as only Tommy Thomas can prepare. Don't miss this one!

Saturday, October 19

3rd Annual Mr. New Jersey Leather contest in Asbury Park, NJ with a fetish fair, uniform party, leather country dancing, demos and a leather ball. The contest is at Paradise and Rob Carabelli steps aside after a rewarding year of fund raising.

POLKSTRASSE

Club R-V still going

by Sweet Lips

Do you like to sing? Thousands of songs await you — no charge, no waiting a long time to sing — at the Club Rendez-Vous (1312 Polk St. at Bush) Wednesday nights, 8 p.m. to midnight, with Karaoke hosted by Joshua Jones. Great singers and lots of fun.

Contrary to the gossip around town, Club Rendez-Vous is not closing, but doing better than ever with Karaoke, TilFridays, male strippers and, of course, the sensational 49ers games on five big TVs.

On Saturday, October 5, at Club RV, Divas International presents "A Silky Birthday Bash" as China Silk turns 27. It will be a benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Leather Pride

Flag. The line-up includes Grand Duke 19 of Sacramento Tony Southworth and Grand Duke 1 1/2 of Long Beach Eddie. The emcees will be ICP Phillip Evans, Grand Duchess 6 of San Jose Meana LeFemme, and Grand Duchess 11 of Alameda Deena Cartier. Among the performers are Emperor Berlin & Empress Barbie of SF. It all happens starting at 8 p.m. with food, and 9 p.m. with entertainment.

Nice to see Vera taking Dick Rubin out to the clubs. Looking good, Mr. Rubin. The H.L. Perry is in town, as blonde as ever, and living in Puerto Vallarta.

Congratulations on Harvey's re-opening at 18th & Castro — a

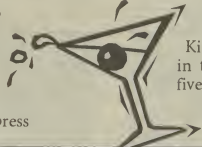
great new look and great food.

Uncle Bert's in the Castro still has the charming Marlowe on the plank, and don't forget Johnny Wise is still at the Gangway playing his fabulous music.

Tyler, manager of Kimo's, has great bands in the Penthouse room five nights a week, with Mark back on the bar downstairs on Sunday and Monday nights.

Jim Down is in New Orleans celebrating his birthday, and what a great city to do that in. I lived there for two years, back in the "Quarter."

Finally, on a sad note, goodbye to Michael "Mona" Greer. You made so many lives happier, including mine. You'll be missed. ▼



Cocktail Hour

Mister Marcus

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Carranza is reading this! Our leather businesses "give back" again and again, so more reasons for you to support them!

Earlier in the week as hundreds arrived for the festivities, there were so many events going on it was hard for everyone to

keep up with it all. There was the SMMILE press party at the Lone Star, the LA&M auction at the Loading Dock, the Bare Chest Calendar party at the Powerhouse, the 15 Association play, the B&B Corps spiffy and elegant banquet, the Leather Daddy erotic art auction at the Eagle, and the party in honor of International Mr. Leather Stephen Weber at Daddy's. Throw in the annual pre-Folsom party at the digs of Omar Moseley and Don "Ho" on Saturday and the Sunday brunch at the home of Donna Sachet and Bob Brunson in honor of Stephen Weber again and the California



Leather

Leather Family Bill, Vibby and Jeff and you guessed it - leather week in San Francisco was a huge success, with leather action every hour during last week. The Edge, Eagle, My Place, Daddy's, Hole in the Wall and the Stud all offered something for everyone, and our visitors loved every minute of it.

It was a wonderful Leather Pride Week 2002 and SMMILE and all their volunteers did a great job once more. Sadly, at the SMMILE press party it was announced that President Bob Goldfarb would step down, as will David Kloss and Nolan Finn. Thanks guys. You did a great job!

And speaking of resignations, Judy Guerin also announced her resignation as the Executive Director of the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom as did Mindy Chateauvert and a few others. There's more than meets the eye with this development but not to worry — I will check out the reasons and discover what problems exist in that organization in a short time.

More leather weeks

This week will be another leather week up at the Russian River, including the selection of Mr. North Coast Leather as Rodger Jensen steps aside for a successor. Thanks Rodger, you did a great job.

A couple hundred are rushing off to Camp Mendocino for the Golden Gate Guards' weekend run and in Utica, the Utica Tri's stage their leather weekend with the selection of Mr. North Coast Leather. It's that season again and I hope you're participating, or volunteering, or doing your bit to make all these events successful for the chosen beneficiaries.

The week after next, the eyes of the leather world will be turned toward St. Petersburg, Florida as the inaugural of International Sir and International Boy titles. These titles replace the old Drummer titles and regional sponsors are geared up for the event. Stay tuned. I'll be there judging, so of course you'll be the first to know the results. 'Til then, keep living, keep laughing, keep loving and keep fund raising. Just do it in leather! ▼

Out There

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chance to see their type portrayed onstage.

Stoppard, a cub reporter in his early days, gets most of the details just right: the competitiveness, the pettiness, the all-important scoop. OT sat right behind the dean of American journalism, **Orville Schell**, whose attention was eagerly sought by one local scribe apologizing for "talking shop" during intermission, as if their divergent output shared any emporium in common! (See the c., the p., the a.-i. s., above.)

Desperate magazine editor reaching for a hook: Despite the fact that the new season of MTV's *The Real World* has zero (0) gay characters, how does the *Advocate* justify giving full photo treatment to RW castmember and "hunky bartender **Steven**?" A helpful subhead insists he is "gay-adjacent," surely a new low in lame.

David does Dallas

Once again, Renaissance Italy seems a more enlightened place than the present-day American Empire. Even a shoddy replica of Michelangelo's *David* presiding over a sporting goods store in Shenandoah, Texas, was too much for the delicate sensibilities of



David, we hardly knew thee.

local guardians of public sensibilities, who last week draped a plaster fig-leaf over David's "private parts." This is in line with scary Attorney General **John Ashcroft's** directive to cover the bare breasts of *Lady Liberty* in the corridors of the Justice Dept. Prudes will ever be prudes, but Out There wonders why the sports store didn't just strap on a jock and call it a promotion.

The Shadow knows

We keep our office doors open to the sounds of the streets, which at 9th and Harrison can get to be something of a racket, as motorcycles gun it, brakes screech, and metal slams into metal. But every blue moon, the cacophony of traffic slows to a seething quiet as batallions of motorbike cops clear the intersections for a motorcade.

Usually it's just the **Governor** coming in for a speech, but one day last week we knew that the **Shadow President** would be in town for the first time since the Coup. Waiting for the motorcade to come off the freeway, we felt as if Harrison were a street in Dallas, and we upon our grassy knoll, armed not with munitions, but with sweet, beautiful love (and buckets of ink).

Turns out the SP gave a rousing speech in which he decried the beligerence of the **Bush** war machine. But the police escort was merely for the transport of one of our nation's 2 million incarcerated, which we like to think of as the **Shadow Nation**. With a prison population of that size, isn't it time they got their own rep in Congress?

R.I.P. **Charles Henri Ford**, American poet, editor, *The Young and Evil* novelist, longtime companion of artist **Pavel Tchelitchew**. ▼

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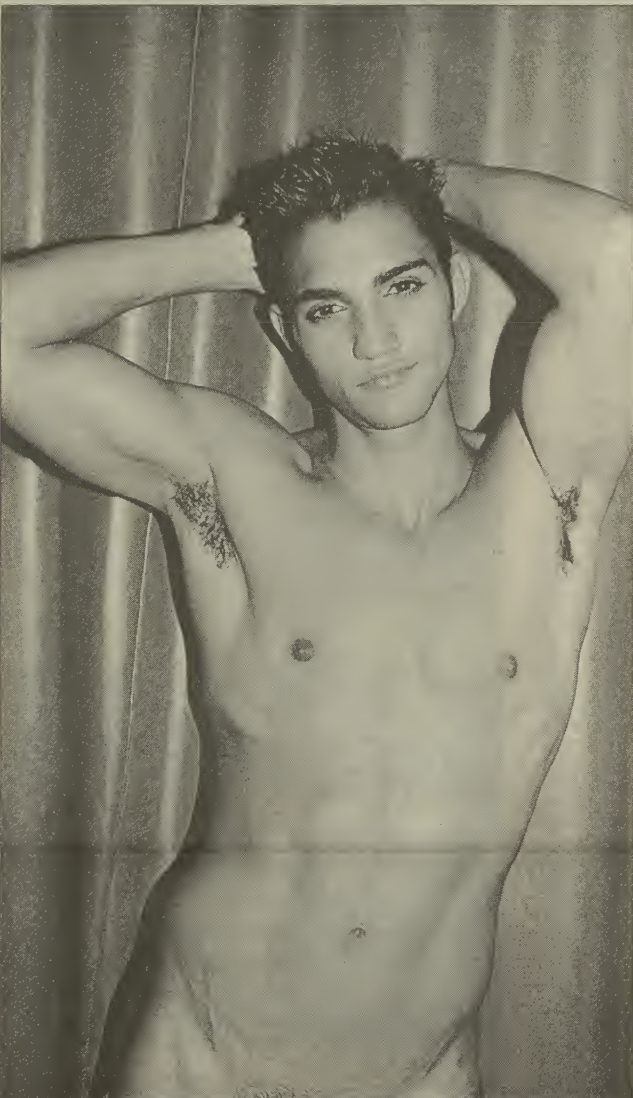
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PARTING GLANCES

Thurs Sep 5 Moms

You were with someone. So was I. It was nice to look up and see you. You're cute. I said hi. ☎ 72040

Labor Day Sat. At Palladium

You: Latin, tall, and a great kisser. Well hey sexy it's me Michael! I was forced to leave without saying goodbye. I'm sorry. Can I make it up to you? ☎ 72041

Ragazzo Bello Andrew Da Luna!

Handsome eyes, hair, gorgeous smile, hot accent. Glad you called. Excited about possibility of having fun with getting to know you. How bout that dance? Wink, L! ☎ 72042

10th & Mission Bus Stop

8pm Saturday September 7, waiting for bus. You said something about bars. Me: goatee baseball cap, shorts. You: beard, moustache. Would like to meet you again. ☎ 72043

Outside The Eagle Sun Sept 1

Thanks to all the kind, caring, and fast acting guys who helped me when I lost consciousness and fell. I wish I could thank you personally for saving my life. ☎ 72044

"Latino, Wearing White Visor 9/2/02"

You-walking on Shattuck, near Ward street, Berkeley, Monday 9/2/02 about 1pm, wearing white tennis visor & beautiful smile. Me-drove by in green CRV, asked if you spoke Spanish & did yard work. You said, worked at Wells Fargo, 23 and "Que Tenga Buen dia." I got embarrassed and drove off. Please call. Let's be friends. ☎ 72045

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Asian For Slim Asian

Seeking slim Asian in his 20's-30's for fun or relationship. Please be discreet, a passionate kisser, sexually assertive and easy going. ☎ 72046

"Japanese Men"

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BI WM ISO Bkrm or TS To Freak

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One Good Man Wanted For Lover

White man 49' 6" 209lbs brown hair blue eyes love oral bottom or top seeking White man 50-70 for lover. ☎ 72049

French Canadian Bottom Looking..

GWM 49 5'10", 145# pos clean-cut bottom/cut 7", fun loving, sincere, loyal and stable looking for GWM 35-50 vers/top for dating and possible relationship. ☎ 72050

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-Looking 4 One Good Man-

My lat ad received no calls, so here I go again. 32 year old Italian, 165lbs, dark hair, hazel eyes, clean shaven looking for cutie pie to date. I'm handsome looking 4 same!! ☎ 72061

Cute Sexy Husky Hot Huggable

ISO monogamous ltr with GWM, GHM, 38-48. Me: GWM, HIV-, 44, 5'9", 185, moustache, sdp, blue. Enjoy movies, romantic dinners, massage, kissing & cuddling. S.F. & Peninsula. ☎ 72062

Attractive Latino, 31

Seeking White or Latinos under 40 for friendship, maybe more. I'm 5'7", 165lbs, muscular, dark features, clean-cut N/S only. ☎ 72063

GLM Seeking 4 Cute Nice GLM

Intercourse versatile guy 38-58", 158lbs, looking 4 slim versatile guy. Masculine. No drugs, bar scene 4 companionship and sex hablo espanol. ☎ 72064

Sincere Meaningful Relationship?

Is that what you want? Contact me. I'm educated, talented, creative, fun and really good in bed. ☎ 72065

Submissive GBM Bottom ISO LTR

Me 29, 5'6", 210lbs, light skinned nice nipples hairy chest, nice butt, enjoys travel, casino's, amusement parks & more. ISO GBM/GHM 25-45 shaved head goatee medium thick build for friendship/ltr. ☎ 72066

"Gentleness"

BI WM, 55, tall, attractive, half-intellectual, spiritual, nice person seeks younger, bright, attractive, disease-free, straight-acting male with spiritual depth for warm communication and gentle intimacy. ☎ 72067

"I Want You!!!"

GBM top 50 seeks GWM btm 50-60 yr old for dating, good sex and poss ltr. Me: many interests, articulate and good lover. You enjoy wearing Panties (silk, nylon, not drag). Must be able to communicate feelings. Be under 6'11" tall. No beards, enjoy recreational smoke and aroma and like to cuddle. ☎ 72068

Mulatto Guy Educated, Intelligent,

Light-skinned, good-looking, creative, sexy, well-hung; seeks guys for friendship, fun for sex. ☎ 72069

Gay Parent In Contra Costa County

40's Asian, easy going, youthful for movies, dining, gardening? Quiet times. Looking for GWM 40-50yo for quality time. ☎ 72081

"Young Cute Russian!"

In search for another cute smart cultured guy (American or European) to share life together and all its pleasures. Under 40 only. ☎ 72082

"Oral Sex Buddy"

Lean hairy muscular body on tall mature GWM seeking a similar furry, in-shape, 40+, poz GWM. Enjoy regular oral sessions, nip work, J/O, kissing, endless caressing, making love. Forget anal obsessions, top/bottom, cock size. If attractive and sex are satisfying, let's play often and get to know each other. I am together and fun-UB2. ☎ 72083

Great Man 4 Lean Hairy Hung Top

Very nice man, passionate, affectionate, masculine, fit, muscular, very handsome seeks another nice man over 35 that is fit, hairy, hung, masculine, with moustache or goatee, u.c a plus. ☎ 72084

"Mixed Or Latino"

Young 18-30 slim or muscular body with swollen nipples and nice round butt. Need love. I'm here for you. No fats or fems, must be serious. ☎ 72085

"Fats Or Fems Not!"

GBM, 51, 5'10", 50ch, loving, caring, warming very patient, honest, trusting, kissable, aggressive HIV- and loyal. You 18-30 goodlooking nice round butt and swollen nipples. ☎ 72086

SEEKING ADVENTURE

Mature Cocksucker Wanted

For big dick. If you are big and humorous, maybe even hairy & smart, call me now. Total dick pic essential. ☎ 72052

"Large Men Wanted"

SWM 40 with a big butt wants a heavy-set man to give it in my behind. Oral and third party ok. ☎ 72053

~Boish Asian~

Seeking smooth buffed gym toned White or Asians to massage, oral service, and play with. Be my new buddy! ☎ 72054

Handsome GWM Daddy Seeks Nasty

P boy to play with. Be 18-30, smooth, slim, attractive. Dirty talk too. ☎ 72055

Spank Your Butt

Hot topman, 37, 5'11", 170#, work out. Seeks well-built bottom with a firm round butt. Into role-playing, spanking and plowing your ass. ☎ 72056

Hungry Cock Sucker!

I love to suck dicks that are 8, 9, or 10 inches or larger. Just lay back and let me service you. I have videos, etc. ☎ 72070

GWM Ass For Tops To Fuck

Need ass fucking top men to fuck me while I'm on my stomach. Me: GWM, 51, 5'11", 174, muscular, tan line. You: any age, race, weight/height proportionate who likes to fuck ass. ☎ 72077

Beautiful Eurasian Boy- 25y

Looking for kisses & deep interaction-frolic naked in my garden of eating. ☎ 72071

"Volunteers"

Get naked for my underwear, 18-30 only no fats or fems. Volunteer your body for my wear. Show me what you've got. Volunteers only. ☎ 72072

Horse Hung Guys Wanted

I want to find guys who are hung 9 or 10 inches or more to get together so I can service you for 30 mins, 1-hour or more. ☎ 72073

Uncut, Hung-9, Hairy, Masc, Musc

GWM, 50, 5'9", 160, balding, muscular/gauche, versatile dad, ISO masculine fit man, great butt, nice cock, "nipple work", verbal, light S&M, rough, tender, kiss & cuddle. Live on East Coast, visiting S.F. Nov. Nude photo required, butt photo get mine. I am HIVpoz/18yrs. ☎ 72074

BI WM Size Queen Seeks Huge Cock

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Lean And Hairy

Smooth and lean WM 43 wants to meet another similar guy with facial or body hair for naked fun sessions. I'm 7' cut and versatile. Any race or height. ☎ 72076

Weekday Morning Bone

40 year old dad to come over & play. I enjoy showing it all to you. Tit work, job, bring toys over. ☎ 72078

Jack-Off And Oral Party

I like to party with guys who are hung 8, 9, 10 inches or more. Let's lay back, watch videos, and have lots of fun. ☎ 72079

Young submissive boy!

Is looking for a dominant top or group of tops for long intense sessions. The boy is smooth, cute and very eager. Please be over 40. ☎ 72087

Shutterbugs!!

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Hot Blond GWM, 21,

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"Young 18-19"

Safe sex only no condoms no sex. Swollen nipples, round butt, slim or muscular body is a plus. GBM, 51, 5'10", 220, 50", loves naked bodies no fats or fems. ☎ 72091

"Halloween Dream"

GBM, Cal' 89, total top, 6' 210#, 8x6, HIVneg. Visiting SF 10/30-11/3. Seeks intelligent, squeaky-clean musc, bottom guide under 40 for fun/safe sex. ☎ 72092

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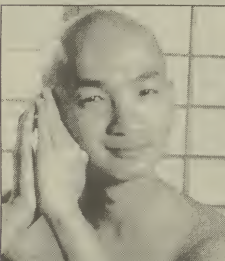
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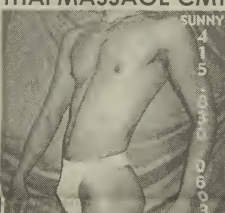
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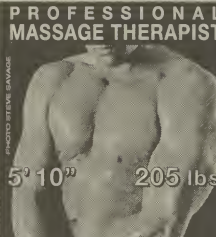
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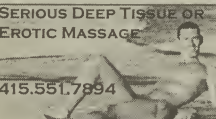
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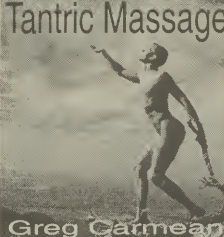
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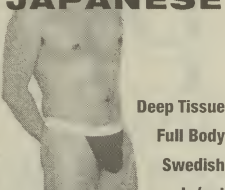
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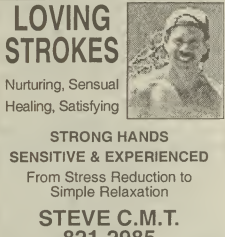
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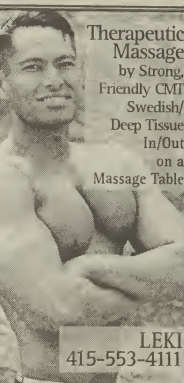
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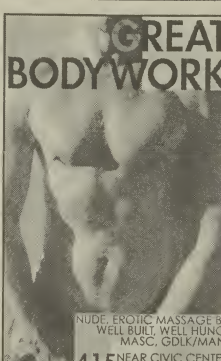
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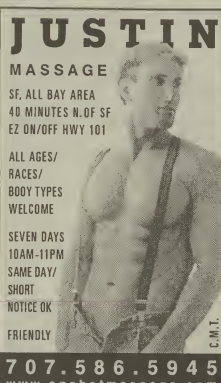
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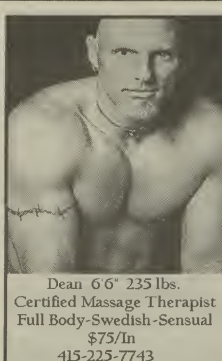
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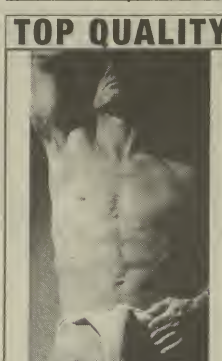
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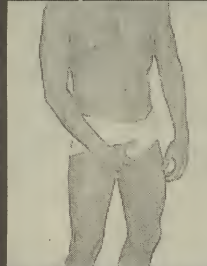
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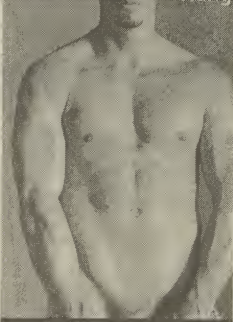
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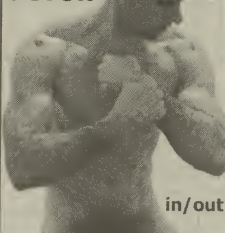
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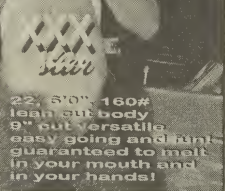


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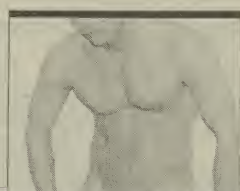
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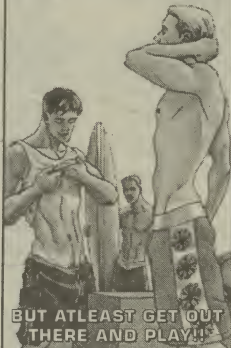
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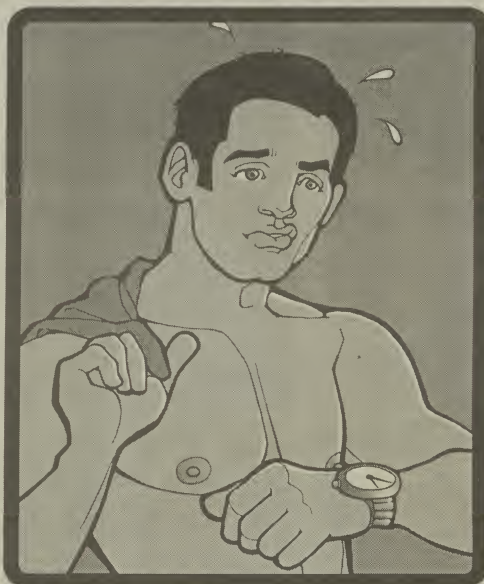
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